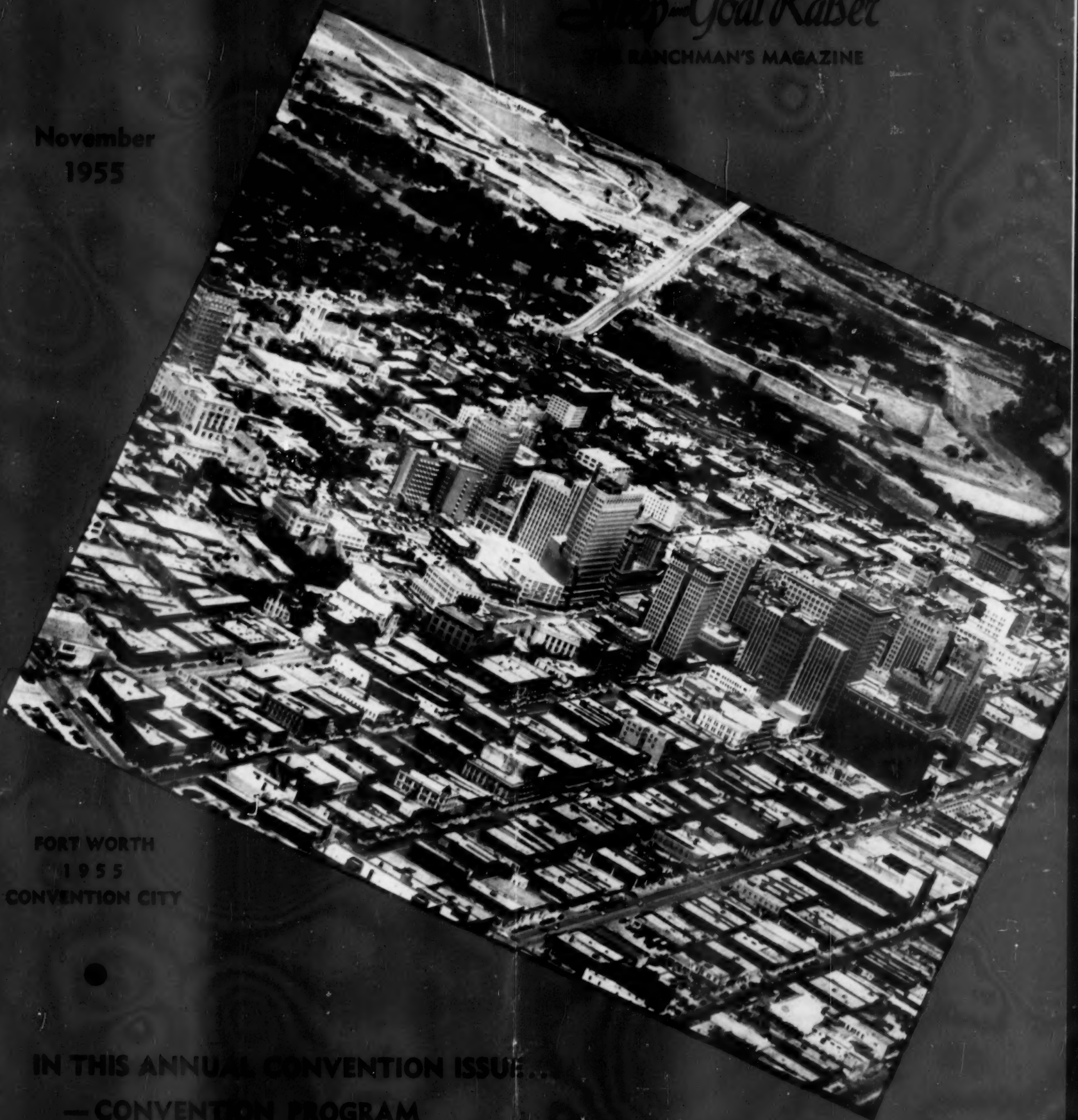


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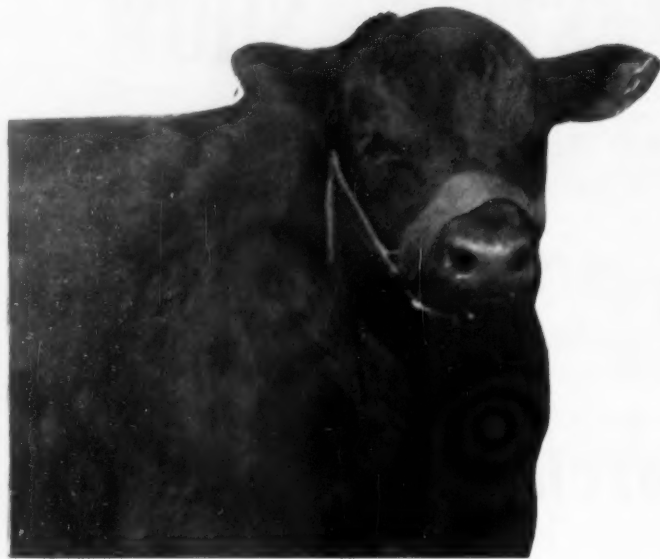
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From the Association Office . . .

By ERNEST WILLIAMS
Executive Secretary

ELSEWHERE IN this issue is the program for the 40th annual convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association in Fort Worth on December 5, 6 and 7. All meetings will be at the Texas Hotel.

It is again time for your officers to give an account of their year's work. It has been a busy, eventful year. Your officers hope that a larger crowd than usual is in attendance to hear the committee reports, talks from outstanding national and state government authorities and to enjoy the annual membership dinner and dance.

Reports will cover association activities in Austin earlier in the year—partly successful efforts in water legislation; unsuccessful efforts to require permission of adjacent land owners before geophysical information could be obtained by oil companies along county roads and within state highway rights-of-way; activities resulting in a request for a reorganization of the state Livestock Sanitary Commission. The most important efforts that failed were those to get a new feed law through. The most important attainment was the obtaining of funds for reimbursement of ranchers whose sheep were exposed to scrapie and the extra funds for the hiring of additional personnel for the Livestock Sanitary Commission drive to eradicate scabies within the state.

From a national standpoint the report probably will touch on activities leading to the present plan for orderly disposal of the CCC wool stockpile; successful efforts to prevent a lowering of the tariff on carpet wool and the never-ending battle to prevent further decreases in the tariff on apparel wools. Activities in behalf of the rancher whose financing is now being handled through the Farmers Home Administration will also be covered.

Special reports will cover the activation of the American Sheep Producers Council and the plans drawn up by it to promote and advertise wool and lamb.

These are but a few of the association's activities on behalf of its members.

An important bit of work to be done by the membership at the convention will be in regard to the revised by-laws recommended by a special committee and already approved by the board of directors.

For the most part the revision is a streamlining of the present by-laws, but there are two big new changes to be considered. One is the method by which directors are elected and the other is the raising of dues to 50 cents per bag of wool or mohair. Each association member will receive a letter before convention time explaining the new by-law proposals.

From the social standpoint the annual membership dinner and dance will be the highlight. It will be Tuesday night at the Texas Hotel.

The association officers are hoping for a big turnout in Fort Worth.

Make your room reservation now.

FEED BILL MEETING

LATER (October 29). Your secretary has just returned from a meeting in College Station called by the director of the Agricultural Experiment Station to begin work on a new feed control bill to present to the next Legislature.

Thirteen organizations representing manufacturers, distributors and consumers of feed were invited and 10 attended. The organizations present voted to appoint themselves as a committee to discuss the problem.

There was no question among those present as to the necessity of a new feed control law; there is a difference of opinion between the manufacturers and the consumers as to what a new law should contain.

The main accomplishment of this meeting was the unanimous request of all attending that the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station draw up a proposed bill. The Experiment Station personnel would use as a base the present law, the bill presented to the last Legislature, the Uniform Feed Control Law and the Indiana Feed Law.

After the proposed bill or worksheet is ready it will be sent to all organizations represented at the College Station meeting for their study and subsequent approval or rejection or approval or rejection in part. Another meeting of this group or committee will then be called to study the proposals offered.

Some good-quality lambs have sold in West Texas at 18 cents during October. However, the bulk of the lambs sold last month were in the \$16.50 to \$17.50 range, with supplies light and demand good. Breeding ewes were scarce at prices in the \$10 to \$15 per head bracket for the tops and down a few dollars for the less desirable aged ewes.

Percy Roberts, San Angelo, sold about 1,400 head of yearling mutton goats to Army Rust for his Bear Creek Ranch in Kimble County at \$8 per head. They were good-quality goats. He has sold also in small lots to various buyers yearling does at prices ranging from \$9.50 to \$10.50 a head. He also sold 1,400 muttons of three to five years old at \$6.50 around.

Arch McFaddin, Uvalde, sold 350 head of three-year-old mutton goats to Cliff Belcher of Brackettville at \$7.75.

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Concho County lambs, long recognized for their quality, are coming back since the rains. Daggett-Keen, Fort Worth, paid 19½ cents a pound for 221 head of Walter Stevens, Eden, Mr. Stevens has been producing lambs for at least a decade. "But this drouth hurt."

POOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

TOO FEW in the livestock industry are aware of the deterioration of the relations between the industry and the general public. The significance of this trend cannot be over-emphasized because the relation of public good will and livestock industry prosperity is most important.

There are so many examples to point up the fact that the general public and agriculture are on poor speaking terms that only a few are related here and these are confined to the livestock industry.

The producers of beef cattle today are bearing the consumer resentment of the war-caused hike in beef prices. The public generally directed its wrath over the high meat prices toward the "wealthy" cattleman, with all cattlemen considered millionaires, and the industry will be hard put to overcome the criticism and ill will, however unjust.

The fabulous prices for bulls paid by one cattle breeder to another in the breed auctions and the attendant publicity did not increase the general public's love for the livestock industry, as it erroneously tied these fantastic prices to high meat prices. Rather, the fires of resentment were heightened. Prices which claimed newspaper headlines enabled certain livestock shows to gain publicity when highly fitted beef calves and, to a lesser extent, lambs were sold in the show's auctions to glamorize the event. Admittedly, the youngster receiving the money of sufficient amount to occasion the glaring headlines was benefitted, but the industry as a whole, in

EDITORIAL

all likelihood, was not elevated in the public's estimation.

High prices for meat in the market seldom mean that the producer is getting a proportionately high return for his product. On the contrary, in recent years the producers have been getting a lessening part of the consumer dollar. Here lies an obligation of the meat industry to try to explain these certain conditions of its industry in an attempt to regain public good will and understanding. Not only is this true of the beef cattle industry, but of the sheep industry, wherein it has been losing ground not only from the meat standpoint but in the eyes of the public as a producer of necessary and essential fiber.

"The general public does not owe the sheep industry a thing, and if synthetics measure up and satisfy the requirements and the demand exists, wool will and should go out of the picture," recently declared a nationally known businessman. Consumers complain about high prices for wool garments. That the cost of wool represents only a fractional portion of the retail price for a yard of woolen cloth or an all-wool suit usually is not considered by the average customer making a purchase; that labor will seize the lion's share of the consumer's dollar for the sale of the wool suit is generally ignored.

Here lies a challenge to the sheep industry to try to change this vital phase of the poor public relations situation it faces.

It is high time that the sheep industry and, in fact, all agriculture start doing more about this public relations problem. The sheep industry is most vitally concerned with its standing in the public eye, not only from the standpoint of merchandising wool but the public's acceptance of the incentive payments and the maintenance of protective tariffs.

In the past few decades the people on the farms in this country have dwindled to less than 13 per cent of the total population. Votes today rest with the urban population — not with the rural people as it used to. One of the biggest jobs is that of convincing the consumer that food is reasonably priced and that the producer of meat and fiber is not getting wealthy at the expense of the public. A revision of the public idea that all cattlemen are millionaires, that all sheepmen are ne'er-do-wells, meriting the prefix "damn," and that all farmers are mule-headed hicks is long overdue.

The sheep industry in self-defense must tell its story. Under the program of the new wool act ample funds will be provided for the sheep industry to do some good-will promotion and this is past due, also.

SCRAPIE A REAL THREAT

A GREAT menace confronting the sheep industry of this state and of all other states is that of scrapie. Little comment about this disease is heard among the sheepmen, but it is one of the diseases which gives informed leaders of the industry and veterinarians real concern — outright nightmares — when they think about it. Today they are thinking about it more than ever before because last year Texas was visited by a short but costly outbreak of the disease. Fortunately, it was caught early before it could spread. But the potential danger from that outbreak, had the industry been less fortunate, is one which should make the rankest optimist sit up and take notice.

Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission is urged to watch show sheep from other states. They are urged to watch importation of all breeding sheep from other states because it is very likely that if and when scrapie again is found in this state it will be from this source.

It must be pointed out that Texas sheep cannot go out of state and come back without being dipped and doctored and carefully scrutinized. One very prominent livestock show official declares, however, that this is rather senseless regulation if out-of-state show sheep can come in, show in Tex. shows, mingle with Texas sheep and move on out to other shows in other states on a health certificate which he declares in many instances is issued by a veterinarian who has never inspected the sheep and in some instances wouldn't know what he was looking at if he saw a case of scrapie.

While this may be too severe an

indictment of local and out-of-state regulations and inspections, it is nevertheless one which the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission could look into and take proper measures if such are needed.

The fact is, the scrapie problem poses too serious a threat to the Texas sheep industry for the regulatory officials of the state to overlook any point to protect against it.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

FOR THIRTY-FIVE years this magazine has been serving the sheep and goat industry. It has served when the industry was seeing 15- and 20-cent wool and six-cent mohair . . . when dues collections were almost non-existent and months would pass before the secretary would receive his salary . . . when in its struggle for survival the magazine would find itself fortunate to break even at the end of the year.

For 25 years we have served as editor of this publication. For 21 it has served as official organ of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. In addition, it is the official organ of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas; Texas Corriedale Sheep Breeders Association; Texas Delaine-Merino Record Association, and Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association and East Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

We appreciate the confidence of the ranchmen in the magazine and our efforts to make it of more service to the industry. We are most grateful for the encouraging letters, the many expressions of friendship and the unselfish cooperation of sheep and goat raisers during this past quarter-century and especially this past year. Your continued good will, encouragement and suggestions are most sincerely solicited and appreciated.

GOVERNMENT LEASE?

BECAUSE the surplus farm problem is becoming so great in practically all phases of agriculture, especially in cereal grains and cotton, there seems to be shaping up in Washington and in other significant strong points of agricultural thinking a plan for solving this problem by taking land out of crop production through leasing it to the government. The significance and ramifications of this are so great that it is worth giving more than passing attention.

STATE CONSERVATION CONTROL

THE IDEA that apparently is unquenchable crops up again and again. It is that of turning soil conservation over to the states and taking it out of the hands of the federal government. Generally the soil conservation program under this idea would be handled by the land grant colleges with funds provided by the federal government. So thoroughly ingrained is this idea by some leaders in Washington that there are predictions currently floating around that the plan will be adopted in the not-too-distant future.



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Dates: December 5 through 7

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1955

- 8:00 A.M. to
- 5:00 P.M. — Registration
- 2:00 P.M. — Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 P.M. to
- 5:00 P.M. — Committee Meetings
 - General Affairs Committee
 - Livestock Committee
 - Wool Committee
- Entertainment — Fort Worth Livestock Interests

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1955

All Meetings in Ball Room

- 9:30 A.M. — Call to Order — President Hodge
 - Invocation
 - Address of Welcome
 - Response to Welcome — Hon. O. C. Fisher
Congressman, 21st Congressional District
 - Address — Frank M. ImMasche, Deputy Director,
Livestock & Dairy Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture
 - Address — Stephen H. Hart, Attorney,
National Livestock Tax Committee, Denver
 - Address — Tom Glaze

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- 2:00 P.M. — General Meeting
 - Report of President — R. W. Hodge
 - Report of Secretary-Treasurer
 - Election of Committee to Nominate Directors
 - Address — Hon. J. Earl Rudder
Commissioner, General Land Office of Texas
 - Report of Wool Committee
 - Report of Livestock Committee
 - Report of General Affairs Committee
- 7:00 P.M. — Annual Membership Dinner
- 9:00 P.M. — Annual Membership Dance

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1955

- 9:30 A.M. — General Meeting
 - Presentation of Award to Winner of Annual Sheep and Goat and Wool and Mohair Contest
 - Address — Hon. Dorsey B. Hardeman
State Senator, 25th District
 - Report of Sheep and Goat Improvement Committee —
James A. Gray, Animal Husbandman,
Texas A&M College Extension Service
 - Report on Activities of National Wool Growers' Association
Penrose B. Metcalfe, Vice President, NWGA
 - Report of Wool Promotion Committee
 - Vote on Proposed Revision of By-Laws

N O O N

- 2:00 P.M. — Business Session
 - Report of Nominating Committee
 - Report of President, Woman's Auxiliary
 - Report of Other Committees
 - Report of Resolutions Committee
 - Election of 1956 Officers
 - Selection of 1956 Convention City
 - Adjourn
- 3:30 P.M. — Meeting of 1956 Board of Directors

A LARGE attendance is expected from throughout the sheep- and goat-producing area of Texas at the 40th annual convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. President R. W. Hodge of Del Rio is desirous that all producers attend this meeting and take part in the business and entertainment activities.

Fort Worth, which has long been known as a leading supporter of the sheep business, is now making preparations to take care of the visitors. The livestock commission men on the yard are making preparations to extend an old-fashioned greeting to the visitors, and Fort Worth leaders will be on hand during the entire gathering to make the ranchmen feel at home.

Outstanding leaders of the livestock world will address the convention in a well-rounded program, according to Ernest Williams, executive secretary of the association. A tentative lineup of the convention program is given on this page, and members and non-members alike are urged to attend this meeting.



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The above paragraph is taken from the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization and gives in a few words the only reason for the existence of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association is just a name that identifies the group of sheep and goat men who make up its membership. It is the vehicle through which the industry — composed of individuals working as a group — can and has acted on matters vital to its very existence.

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The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association has done a good job in its effort to "foster, support, protect and promote the best interests of the sheep and goat industry in Texsa." It deserves the moral and financial support of all persons in the industry.

The annual membership dues are very moderate. Twenty-five cents per bag of wool and/or mohair — approximately one cent per head — entitles a person to all the rights and privileges of membership and also includes a subscription to the Sheep and Goat Raiser magazine.

Annual dues may be sent to the Association office either direct or through your warehouse. By the latter method the warehouseman deducts twenty-five cents per bag when the wool or mohair is sold and forwards it to the Association.

It is your Association. Send in your dues today or authorize your warehouseman to deduct them.

ANGORA GOAT RAISERS HAVE ENJOYABLE MEETING

AS GUESTS of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt and their daughter, Nancy, who is Miss Mohair, the Angora goat breeders enjoyed an interesting directors' meeting at the Hunt ranch near Sonora, October 29.

In attendance at the meeting were directors and Angora goat breeders: Stanley Lackey, J. B. Reagan, Leroy Nichols, Carleton Godbold, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Earwood, Mr. and Mrs. Armer Earwood, Howard Hay, Glenn Hay, Authur Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Ross, Len Clark, Buddy Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Orr, Claude Haby, Pete Gulley, Marvin Skaggs, H. R. Sites, W. S. Hall and Bill Petmecky.

J. B. Reagan, president, and Pete Gulley, secretary, gave a report of previous activities of the organization,

one of which was the display of the beautiful mohair float which has appeared in nine parades, attracting attention of thousands of people in West Texas.

A sales committee was appointed composed of C. H. Godbold, chairman, Authur Davis and Jack Richardson.

In the report of the auction sale the secretary brought out that in 1949, the year before the organization started inspecting the goats prior to the sale, 48 buyers in the sale paid a total of \$4,000. In 1950, the first year that inspections were made, 64 Angora buyers paid a total of \$12,000. In 1955 there were 103 buyers and the sale totaled \$27,052.

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**Welcome from
Dr. Jack Garrison
Mayor of Ft. Worth**



Officers, Directors and Members
Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association
San Angelo, Texas

Gentlemen:

As mayor of Fort Worth, let me welcome you to our city for the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association convention December 5, 6 and 7.

We are proud of your selection of Fort Worth as your convention city — and we think it is a fitting choice, since Fort Worth is the Southwest's leading livestock center.

The friendly spirit of Fort Worth's citizens; our central location in the most thickly populated portion of the Southwest; our excellent transportation facilities and fine amusement and hotel facilities await your arrival.

Sincerely,

DR. F. E. (JACK) GARRISON
Mayor, City of Fort Worth



**RANCH FOLK WILL LIKE
AND APPRECIATE THIS
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

Fort Worth Children's Museum, one of the two new buildings on Will Rogers Civic Center grounds. Few cities offer such advantages to the youngsters as does Fort Worth. The Museum now houses a planetarium open to the public. Programs are planned to suit individual audiences. Many meetings and programs are held at the Museum for adults as well as for the children.

F O R T W O R T H

"Where the West Begins"

**Welcomes the Annual Meeting
of the**

**TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT
RAISERS' ASSOCIATION**

December 5, 6, 7

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce

Why Don't You Join Your Own Team?

Sheep and Goat Raisers too often forget that to win the game of marketing, just as the game of football, teamwork is essential. Planning is required and effort is most necessary. But however ineffectually the playing is done, that is better than playing on the opposing team!

In this game of marketing wool and mohair — a game for survival for the growers — it is claimed that among the least interested in winning are the growers. Read what one prominent wool man declared recently: "I feel that the hardest people to work on will be the people in our industry — that is, people engaged in growing wool, selling wool, manufacturing wool, etc. There is probably less than one per cent of the people engaged in this industry, including the growers, who own an automobile with wool upholstery.

"If we do not push this idea (of wool promotion) among ourselves, how under heaven's name can we expect other people to do it?"

Growers, don't you think it's high time to play on your own team? What have you done to help win the game?



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**NOTHING
MEASURES
UP TO
WOOL**

San Angelo Group To Ask For 1956 Meeting

"IT IS our time now," declare San Angelo officials.

"The citizens of San Angelo and the surrounding area look forward to the forty-first convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and we want that convention to be held in San Angelo," recently declared C. C. Pope, president of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, emphasizing that this organization well understands the importance of the ranch industry to San Angelo, which is the trading center for the vast area.

"The last time San Angelo was host to the sheep and goat men during their annual convention the attendance was about twice that of any of their previous conventions held anywhere. The ranchmen like to come to San Angelo and San Angelo likes to have them. So we want the next convention," recently declared Otis Stewart of the San Angelo Convention Committee.

Indicative of the keen interest of San Angelo in securing the forthcoming convention is the extension of invitations from most major civic bodies of San Angelo, and special invitations from business and civic leaders, one of which is reproduced below:

"To Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Members:

"Let me take this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to you to hold your next annual meeting in our city.

"You may be assured that you will receive our usual warm welcome when you arrive, because San Angeloans realize the importance of our great sheep and goat industry here in West Texas. As one of you I want to stress that we in San Angelo would be honored by your presence and will do everything possible to make you feel at home."

Very sincerely yours,
M. D. BRYANT, Mayor
City of San Angelo

Purebred Sheep Breeders Association Sets Sale Date

THE PUREBRED Sheep Breeders' Association held its annual State Fair banquet at Hotel Travis on the night of October 11. Forty members and guests attended. This being a banquet and get-together, very little business was attended to. In fact, the only business was setting the date of the 10th annual Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association show and sale — Brownwood, Texas — Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, 1956. This should be the nation's first ram and ewe sale.

After the meal of lamb chops Dr. Hilton Briggs, dean of agriculture, University of Wyoming, and medium wool judge, State Fair of Texas, gave a very interesting and enlightening talk to those at the banquet on his visit to the English Royal Livestock Show, their shows being quite a bit different from ours.

Following the short talk by Dr. Briggs, Murray Cox, farm director of Radio Station WFAA, Dallas, showed his pictures of the animal tour sponsored by WFAA. The picture was beautiful, showing different places, livestock, farming and people seen on the trip which, by the way, took them on a week's visit to Bermuda.

The Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association will hold its annual banquet and election of officers during the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show Tuesday night, January 31, 1956. Plan to attend.

Otho Drake, San Angelo commission dealer, in October made a number of lamb sales. He sold around 2,100 to Tommy Brooks and Mrs. Maurice Cohen of Brady at 17 cents a pound. These came off the W. E. Berry ranch of Pecos County. Sale was made through an ad in the Sheep and Goat Raiser magazine. He bought 450 head of 75-pound lambs from Pat Finley of Eldorado at 17 cents and 438 from Van Court Bros. of Merton at the same price and about 900 head from Troy Williams of Ozona at this price. Mr. Drake also sold 500 mutton lambs for Lance Sears at 17 cents to J. B. McCord of Coleman. Mr. McCord will feed these lambs out after shearing. He sold in late September about 300 head of 65-pound mutton lambs for Ruth and Worth Allen, Sterling City. They went to A. G. Kirby of Lometa at 16 cents.

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Texas State Fair Show Results



CHAMPION RAMBOUILLET RAM

Walt Carruthers, Sanderson, hides behind his champion Rambouillet ram of the State Fair. He and his brother, Pinky, raise some good Rambouillet sheep.



TOP DELAINE

David McPherson of Pottsville is shown with his champion Delaine ram in the junior show at the State Fair. Hudson Glimp is also shown with his champion Delaine ewe in the junior class.

JUNIOR RAMBOUILLET RAM SHOW

The Rambouillet show at the State Fair this year was the largest in more than 20 years. The junior show was an especially attractive one. Jan VanderStucken of Sonora had both champions. Shown here is the ram lineup of winners in the junior show, with Hudson Glimp holding the champion ram of Jan, who could not get out of school to show her sheep.



RAMBOUILLET

JAMES GRAY, San Angelo, Judge

Open Class

Champion ram and ewe—Walt Carruthers, Sanderson.
Reserve champion ram—Eddie F. Smith, Sonora.
Reserve champion ewe—Ovey Taliaferro, Eden.

Yearling ram—1. Walt Carruthers, Sanderson. 2. Don Baker, Lubbock. 3. Clinton Hodges, Sterling City. 4. L. F. Hodges, Sterling City. 5. James Boykin, Pottsville.

Ram lamb—1. Eddie F. Smith, Sonora. 2. Carruthers. 3. Carruthers. 4. Smith. 5. Taliaferro. 6. L. F. Hodges. 7. L. F. Hodges. 8. Pinky Carruthers, Sanderson. 9. Pinky Carruthers. 10. Clinton Hodges.

Pen of three ram lambs—1. Walt Carruthers. 2. Smith. 3. L. F. Hodges. 4. Taliaferro. 5. Pinky Carruthers.

Yearling ewe—1. Walt Carruthers. 2. Taliaferro. 3. Clinton Hodges. 4. L. F. Hodges. 5. Walt Carruthers. 6. Curtis Eaton, Decatur. 7. Eaton. 8. L. F. Hodges. 9. James Boykin, Pottsville. 10. Boykin.

Pen of three yearlings—1. Walt Carruthers. 2. Eaton. 3. L. F. Hodges.

Ewe lamb—1. Smith. 2. Taliaferro. 3. Boykin. 4. Clinton Hodges. 5. L. F. Hodges. 6. Clinton Hodges. 7. Pinky Carruthers. 8. Walt Carruthers. 9. Taliaferro. 10. Pinky Carruthers.

Pen of three ewe lambs—1. Clinton Hodges. 2. Pinky Carruthers. 3. Taliaferro. 4. Smith. 5. Walt Carruthers.

Exhibitors' flock—1. Walt Carruthers. 2. L. F. Hodges. 3. Boykin.

Get of sire—1. Walt Carruthers. 2. Smith. 3. L. F. Hodges. 4. Taliaferro. 5. Pinky Carruthers. 6. Clinton Hodges.

Junior Class

Champion ram and ewe—Jan VanderStucken, Sonora.

Ram lamb—1. Jan VanderStucken, Sonora. 2. Boyd Brothers, Rankin. 3. Jimmie Stubblefield, Ballinger. 4. Boyd Brothers. 5. Nichols Brothers, Bangs. 6. Janice Taliaferro, Eden. 7. Wayne Sharo, Knickerbocker. 8. VanderStucken. 9. Taliaferro. 10. Sharp.

Pen of three ram lambs—1. VanderStucken. 2. Boyd Brothers. 3. Taliaferro. 4. Price. 5. Roy Webb, Lubbock.

Ewe lamb—1. VanderStucken. 2. Stubblefield. 3. Stubblefield. 4. Taliaferro. 5. VanderStucken. 6. Boyd Brothers. 7. Boyd Brothers. 8. Price. 9. Boyd H. Hurley, Hamilton. 10. Dean Bottlinger, Hamilton.

Pen of three ewe lambs—1. Stubblefield. 2. Boyd Brothers. 3. VanderStucken. 4. Taliaferro. 5. Bottlinger. 6. Nichols Brothers.

Lamb flock, three ewes and one ram, owned by exhibitor—1. Stubblefield. 2. Boyd Brothers. 3. VanderStucken. 4. Taliaferro. 5. Nichols Brothers. 6. Sharp.

DELAINE

JAMES GRAY, San Angelo, Judge

Junior Class

Champion and reserve champion ram and reserve champion ewe—David R. McPherson, Pottsville.

Champion ewe—Hudson Glimp, Burnet.

Ram lamb—1. McPherson. 2. McPherson. 3. Thornton Secor, Ingram. 4. Glimp. 5. Secor. 6. Glimp.

Pen of three ram lambs—1. McPherson. 2. Secor. 3. Glimp.

Ewe lamb—1. Glimp. 2. McPherson. 3. Secor. 4. Glimp. 5. McPherson. 6. Secor.

Pen of three ewe lambs—1. Glimp. 2. McPherson. 3. Secor.

Lamb flock—1. Glimp. 2. McPherson. 3. Secor.

Open Class

Donald Bradford of Menard took all first places in this show, in which there was only one other exhibitor, G. A. Glimp of Burnet.

ANGORA GOATS (October 8)

MARVIN SKAGGS, Junction, Judge

Flat Locks Type

Champion and reserve champion buck—W. S. Orr, Rocksprings.
Champion and reserve champion doe—Bob Sites, Wimberley.

Ringlets Type

Champion buck—Charles E. Orr, Rocksprings.
Reserve champion buck—W. S. Orr.
Champion and reserve champion doe—H. R. Sites, Wimberley.

Division No. D-9—Type B (Flat Locks)

Class 97, yearling buck—1. W. S. Orr. 2. W. S. Orr. 3. Charles E. Orr. 4. Charles E. Orr. 5. Alan Oxford, Priddy.

Class 98, buck kid—1. Bob Sites. 2. C. A. Morris, Rocksprings. 3. Bob Sites. 4. Charles E. Orr. 5. W. S. Orr. 6. W. S. Orr. 7. Charles E. Orr. 8. C. A. Morris.

Class 99, pen of three buck kids—1. Bob Sites. 2. Charles E. Orr. 3. Morris. 4. W. S. Orr.

Class 102, yearling doe—1. Bob Sites. 2. Bob Sites. 3. H. R. Sites. 4. Charles E. Orr. 5. W. S. Orr. 6. W. S. Orr. 7. Charles E. Orr. 8. Oxford.

Class 103, pen of three yearling does—1. Bob Sites. 2. Charles E. Orr. 3. W. S. Orr.

Class 104, doe kid—1. Bob Sites. 2. W. S. Orr. 3. W. S. Orr. 4. Charles E. Orr. 5. Bob Sites. 6. H. R. Sites. 7. Charles E. Orr. 8. Morris.

Class 105, pen of three doe kids—1. W. S. Orr. 2. Bob Sites. 3. Charles E. Orr.

Class 108, exhibitor's flock—1. W. S. Orr. 2. Charles E. Orr.

Class 109, get of sire—Bob Sites. 2. W. S. Orr. 3. Charles E. Orr. 4. Morris.

Division No. D-10—Type C (Ringlets)

Class 110, yearling buck—1. Charles E. Orr. 2. W. S. Orr. 3. H. R. Sites. 4. Charles E. Orr. 5. W. S. Orr.

Class 111, buck kid—1. Bob Sites. 2. H. R. Sites. 3. Charles E. Orr. 4. Charles E. Orr. 5. W. S. Orr. 6. W. S. Orr. 7. H. R. Sites.

Class 112, pen of three buck kids—1. Charles E. Orr. 2. H. R. Sites. 3. W. S. Orr.

Class 115, yearling doe—1. H. R. Sites. 2. H. R. Sites. 3. Charles E. Orr. 4. W. S. Orr. 5. W. S. Orr. 6. Charles E. Orr. 7. Morris. 8. Oxford.

Class 116, pen of three yearling does—1. H. R. Sites. 2. Charles E. Orr. 3. W. S. Orr.

Class 117, doe kid—1. H. R. Sites. 2. Charles E. Orr. 3. W. S. Orr. 4. W. S. Orr. 5. Charles E. Orr. 6. H. R. Sites.

Class 118, pen of three doe kids—1. Charles E. Orr. 2. W. S. Orr.

Class 121, exhibitor's flock—1. H. R. Sites. 2. Charles E. Orr. 3. W. S. Orr.

Class 122, get of sire—1. H. R. Sites. 2. W. S. Orr. 3. Charles E. Orr.

SOUTHDOWNS

All champions and reserve champions of the Southdown sheep show were shown by Duron Howard of Byars, Oklahoma. Aime F. Real, Kerrville, showed first-place ram lamb. Howard showed all other first places.

SUFFOLKS

Cox and McAdams, Celina, Texas, showed champion and reserve champion ram and the champion ewe. The reserve champion ewe was shown by Lonnie Schmitt of Dorchester, Texas. Cox and McAdams showed first-place yearling ram, ram lamb, yearling ewe, ewe lamb, pen of three ewe lambs and exhibitor's flock. Lonnie Schmitt showed first-place pen of three yearling ewes and get of sire. He also won the American Sheep Society's \$105 specialty award, while Cox and McAdams won the National Suffolk Sheep Association's \$60 specialty award.

SHROPSHIRE

C. J. Seward of Monett, Missouri, showed all first places and all championships in the Shropshire sheep show.

HAMPSHIRE

In the Hampshire sheep show J. P. Mitchell of Trenton, Tennessee, showed champion ram. Glen Armentrout and Son of Norborne, Missouri, showed the reserve champion ram and ewe and champion ewe.

Armentrout showed first-place yearling ram, yearling ewe, pen of three yearling ewes, ewe lamb, exhibitor's flock, get of sire and Hampshire Association special award.

J. P. Mitchell showed first-place ram lamb. Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson, Plano, Texas, showed first-place pen of three ram lambs and pen of three ewe lambs.

FAT LAMBS

Delaine and Rambouillet lambs—1. Eddie Price, Crane. 2. Aubrey Hillman, Mullin. 3. Jimmy White, Mullin. 4. Peggy Pafford, Mullin. 5. Annette Duncan, Mullin. 6. Herb Currie, Crane. 7. West Wise, Santa Anna. 8. Wilbur Chessier, Mullin. 9. Bill Humble, Sterling City. 10. Billy Holle, Winters.

Southdowns, Shropshires, Cheviots and crosses—1. Roy Dee Gregg, Plainview. 2. West Wise, Santa Anna. 3. Carolyn Branch, Rankin. 4. Wesley Leo, Mullin. 5. Dion Melton, Plainview. 6. Suzanne Howard, Marfa. 7. Mac Robinson, Coahoma. 8. Hulen Harvey, Fredericksburg. 9. Homer Dan Vaughn, O'Donnell.

Hampshires, Suffolks and Crosses—1. Joe Reeves, Mullin. 2. Steve Hammack, Ferris. 3. Jean Pafford, Mullin. 4. Peggy Pafford, Mullin. 5. Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Fort Davis. 6. Roger Sanders, Mullin. 7. Alan Bratcher, Lamesa.



THE ANGORA CHAMPIONS

One of the best Angora goat shows in the history of the State Fair was held this year. The show was very good in both numbers and quality. Here is shown the lineup of the B and C type champions, from left to right: Charles Orr, Rocksprings, with his champion C type buck. Next is Bill Orr with his champion B type buck. H. R. Sites, Wimberly, is shown next with his champion B type doe, and his nephew, L. R. Calhoun, also of Wimberly, is shown holding the Sites C type doe.

8. Johnny Griffin, Mullin. 9. Bobby Densman, Santa Anna. 10. Kenneth Herring, Santa Anna. Southdown, Shropshire and Cheviot crosses—1. Wesley Lee, Mullin. 2. Thomas Johns, Imperial. 3. Rodney Carlisle, Mullin. 4. Brady Duren, Mullin. 5. Tommy Bowden, Bangs. 6. Myron Hillman, Mullin. 7. Garland Frasier, Imperial. 8. Bowden. 9. Eugene Duren, Mullin. 10. Jack Burkholder, Coahoma.

Hampshire and Suffolk crosses—1. Eddie Odom, Blackwell. 2. A. C. Wessels, Winters. 3. Patty Pafford, Mullin. 4. Maurice Holle, Winters. 5. Patricia Wessels, Winters. 6. Holle. 7. Gordon Hays, Ballinger. 8. A. C. Kast, Fredericksburg. 9. Stanley Bessent, Mullin. 10. Harold Rawlings, Garland.

Columbias, Corriedales, Panamas and crosses—1. Patty Pafford, Mullin. 2. Eugene Duren, Mullin. 3. Bob Edgar, Mullin. 4. Calvin Kuhlmann, Fredericksburg. 5. Wayne King, Black-

well. 6. A. C. Kast, Fredericksburg. 7. Clinton Whittenburg, Mullin. 8. Jack Weaver, Eden. 9. Bill David, Sterling City. 10. James Greer, Imperial.

JUNIOR FAT LAMB AUCTION

Grand champion lamb—Sold by Roy Dee Gregg, Plainview, to Safeway Stores, Dallas, at \$3 a pound. Show weight of the lamb was 81 pounds.

Reserve grand champion lamb—Sold by Patty Pafford of Mullin, Texas, to AGP Food Stores, Dallas, at \$1.50 a pound. Show weight was 124 pounds.

Reserve champion fine-wool type—Sold by Eddie Price, Crane, Texas, to the Wyatt Food Stores, Dallas, at 75 cents a pound. Show weight was 101 pounds.

The junior fat lamb auction moved 396 lambs, weighing 40,241 pounds, for a total of \$12,563.43.



TOP RAMBOUILLET EWES

An exceptional class of Rambouillet ewes was shown at the State Fair. Walt Carruthers, left, of Sanderson, is shown holding his first-place yearling and champion ewe. Ovey Taliaferro of Eden, Texas, showed the second-place yearling and reserve champion, while Eddie Smith of Sonora showed the first-place ewe lamb, being held by his father, George (Bud) Smith.

Greece annually imports some 11 million pounds of wool, and this country has been considered as a possible source for the sale of the CCC domestic wool. One suggestion has been that Greece purchase a considerable amount of this wool on a three-year payment plan or for the United States to consign the wool to Greece for manufacturing into woollen clothing which would be traded to Brazil, who would pay the United States in coffee. However far-fetched these ideas seem to be to the domestic wool grow-

er, a lot of work is being done along these lines at the present time.

Informed sources predict that within five years San Angelo will be the site of an active working wool scouring and manufacturing mill in the five-million-dollar class.

Clyde Thate of Coleman will judge breeding sheep at the Val Verde County Junior Livestock Show on Saturday, January 28, 1956, at Del Rio. Herman Carter of San Angelo will judge the fat lambs.

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Fifth Annual Aberdeen-Angus Sale Scheduled for San Angelo

THE ABERDEEN-ANGUS cattle breeder combination of Moore Brothers, Eldorado; Herman Allen, Menard, and Joe Lemley, San Angelo, will hold its fifth annual Aberdeen-Angus bull sale December 12 at the San Angelo Livestock Auction Company at 1:00 P.M. This sale has developed into one of the key livestock events of the year.

Mr. Lemley, in discussing this year's sale, stressed the point that the 99 head to be offered in December are top quality. "These are the best of our raising—absolutely no bulls have been topped out of any of our herds. The best and all bulls that we have for sale this year will be in this sale. We have reserved all bulls in spite of repeated requests that we sell one or more in private treaty. This we have not done, and the buyer may be assured of getting our best offering.

"We have continually culled our herds, practicing what we preach, that culling is profitable."

Mr. Lemley pointed out that one of the best indications that the Angus

bulls sold in the sales have been profitable to buyers is the repeat customer. "Year after year," he pointed out, "since our first sale on December 5, 1951, we have had an increasing number of repeat customers. To assure our customers satisfaction we have continued our efforts by culling and careful herd sire selections and, obviously, increased the quality of our herds."

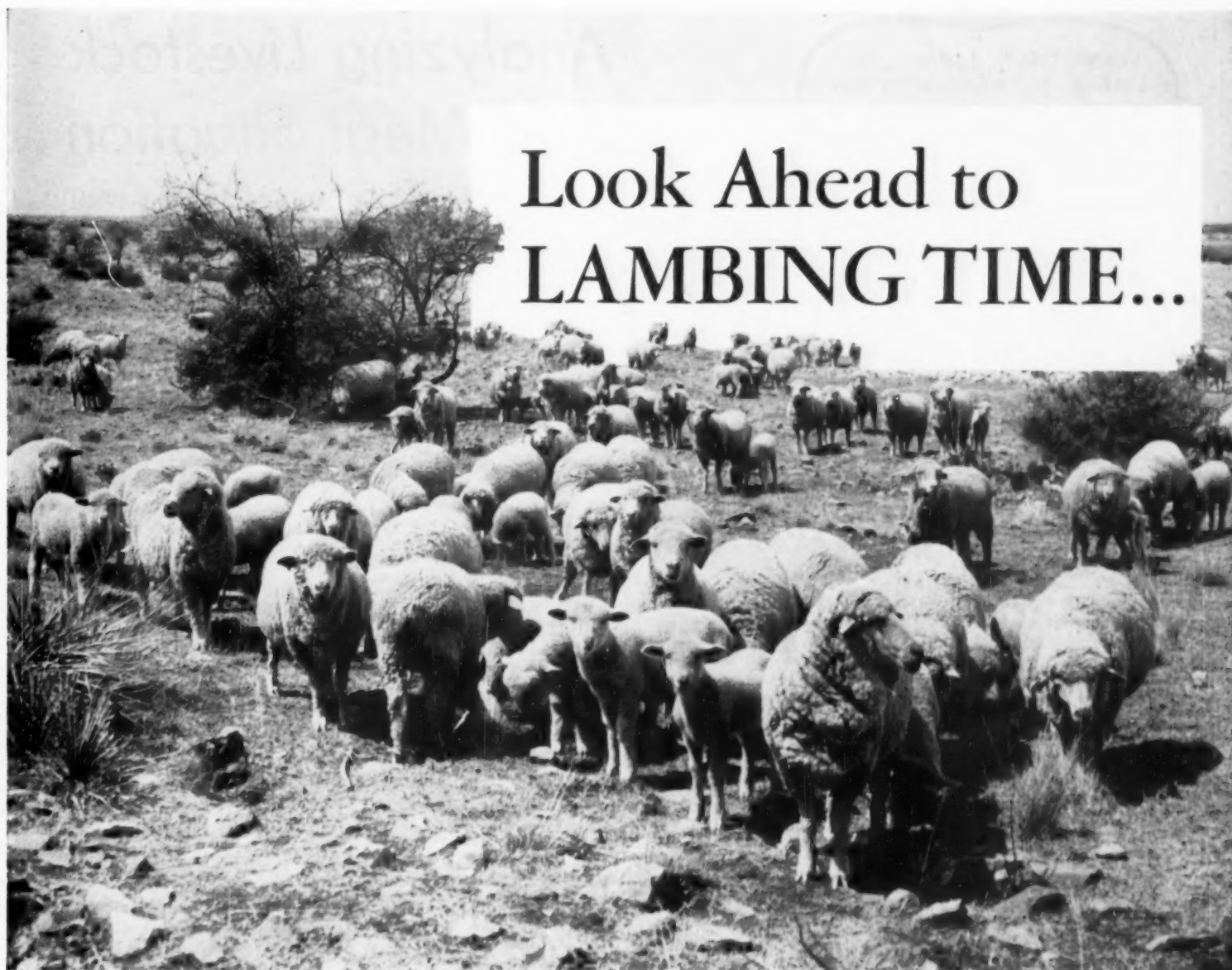
Mr. Lemley has been extremely busy during the early fall months in filling orders for select steer calves from southwestern commercial Angus herds. In late October and early November he delivered more than 900 steer calves which he bought at prices from 21 to 22 cents a pound for Corn Belt feeders. These prices ranked by one to four cents a pound the average price for ordinary steer calves.

"Any major Corn Belt feeder will tell you he will pay premium prices for premium-quality Angus calves and I have seen demonstrated time and time again in my purchases this fall that good bulls make for premium-quality calves."



YOUNGEST EXHIBITOR

Adam Morris, Dallas and Rocksprings, is shown holding one of his show Angora goats at the State Fair. With him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Morris. Mr. Morris works in Dallas and does some long-distance ranching on his place in Edwards County. Young Adam has several registered Angora goats and he figures on going into the business just as soon as he can convince his parents they should move to their place 35 miles southeast of Rocksprings.



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Bleating of ewes and lambs is music to the sheepman's ears . . . and this time is just around the corner! The spring lamb crop is in the making right now. Your ewes are building the unborn lambs, making wool and keeping up their own bodies, too.

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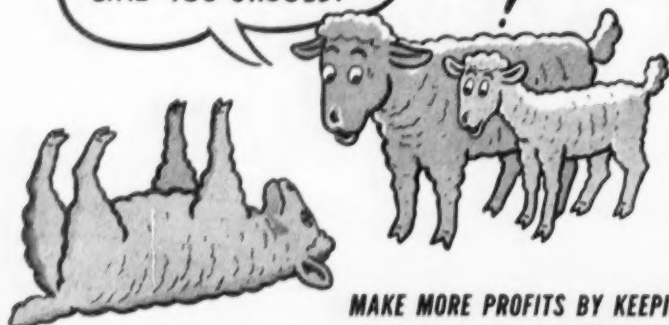
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Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

AS THINGS turned out the mid-September splurge in fat steers and hogs didn't mean a thing. The trade had more confidence in 1,300- to 1,500-pound steers at the time than in hogs, but figured that price winds might favor the latter for a few weeks after top meat types had reached \$17. But the \$26.25 top at Chicago on handy steers with weighty kinds up to \$25 became even a worse flop than \$17 hogs, the species that had been predicted to fall at least to \$15. By mid-October top hogs were selling around \$15, with the average price of shipper and packer droves at Chicago approximately \$14.75. On occasions the top had dropped to \$15, recovery developing by way of curtailed receipts temporarily along with brisk shipper demand.

Meanwhile, top handy steers fell to \$25, and 1,250- to 1,550-pound aver-

ages continued to run so freely that big weights were lucky to bring in \$21.50 to \$22.50.

In hogs, new crop spring pigs took over almost exclusively during the period, butchers scaling over 250 pounds, and sows all but disappearing. There was a scramble for this diminishing run of heavy sows, but not for the awkwardly large supply of heavy, long-fed steers as suggested by the fact that the average weight of all killing steers was still running 75 pounds heavier than a year earlier during the second week of October.

For the entire period under review — and for that matter most of the late summer — steers at Chicago scaled 50 to 80 pounds over the comparable period a year earlier. Before October was very old there were even 1,500-pound steers being loaded out of Canada for Chicago, where the cattle had to sell at \$21.50. This was something like carrying coal to Newcastle in that heavy steers from Indiana to Nebraska long had been and still were glutting the market.

And as October wore on trade talk was to the effect that it would take another 30 days to trim the size of the 1,250- to 1,500-pound steer crop down to a point where buyers would take notice and buy cattle. Many finishers had counted on this reduction earlier, hence had laid in two- to three-year-olds earlier for the time that heavy fat cattle might pull their usual stunt of drying up numerically and gaining price ground by leaps and bounds. Now, however, there is serious doubt about the future of heavy steers all fall and winter, since a host put in as yearlings last fall are already getting heavy.

Thus there is danger that as the old crop of elephantine, over-fat long-feds wear themselves out, losing finishers plenty of money meanwhile, another crop of at least strongweights will be right at their heels. There is still some trade talk of how heavy cattle may come back in a hurry, but few are paying much heed until there are more visible signs of supply diminution. Some short-term finishers paid to \$20 early for heavy feeders, but now are talking \$18 and below after quite a few twos left some river markets at \$19 and below.

In replacement buying most consistent demand all along this summer and early fall has been for stock heifers, the type of cattle which this summer usually sent home some money, while medium weight and heavy steers lost a hatful.

Of course, there wasn't any other way for fat steers to move except downward under existing supply conditions. It was much the same thing in hogs, still facing big runs, with fall farrowing estimated 12 per cent larger than last year. August cattle slaughter for the country uncovered an all-time



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record. Hogs during that period made a monthly record, it appearing that both cattle and hogs every recent month either exceeded any month in history or else beat any similar month on record. When the record weight of fat steers is included in this supply score it can be seen why packing house hangrails were cluttered with beef and pork coolers with pork.

From mid-September to mid-October pork loins wholesale in the Chicago-New York area dropped from \$49 to \$40. As these loins earlier in the year had cavorted to \$63 it can be seen that there has been since the summer high time a \$23 break. Other cuts lost accordingly, sharp amounts having to be shaved off hams and bacon. This exerted terrific pressure on fresh beef, choice and prime carcasses, steer and heifer carcasses dropping \$1.50 to \$2.50, but heavy loins being crowded back \$5 to \$8. As compared with last year, plenty of heavy beef loins are wholesaling \$10 lower.

There was lots of talk a year ago about the Chicago to New York area carrying outlet for high-priced live cattle at Chicago. Choice steers were routed this way even from California. Well, the pressure not only of more beef — especially choice and prime overfat beef — and millions of tons more pork finally provided the last straw.

Hogs, as expected, from spring and fall farrowings have already met enough price trouble to arouse official notice. A few want Uncle Sam to help, but most growers don't, remembering no doubt OPA and the \$14.85 ceiling right when hogs were worth dollars more.

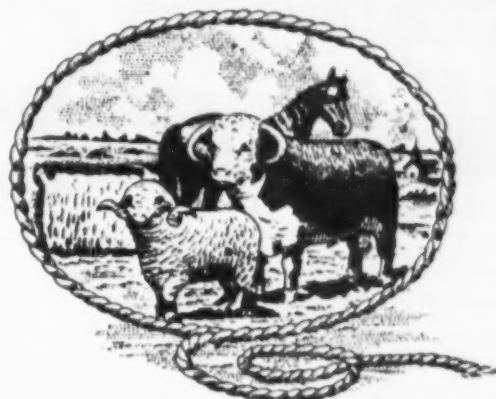
There will no doubt be a little more extensive federal buying of meat-type pork for school lunches and the like; maybe the armed forces will be provided with more pork, fresh and cured. But there are mere dribbles, much more extensive, and basic help coming meanwhile by expert pork promo-

tional sales coast to coast. Efforts are being made to broaden exports of pork, but one trouble with that angle is that imports have increased mightily to compete right in many, if not all, big-city chains with domestic pork, fresh and in cans. And all this pork naturally competes with the mountains of beef on sale, making overweight fat beef just so much more a dilemma to move. About all dressed lamb and other small-stock meats can do is to worry along, buffeted this way and that by all the consumer bargains in beef and pork.

This concerted pressure has driven dressed lamb measurably lower over the last 30 days until the outside on live lambs is now a scant \$21. Yearlings, especially lamb types, have given a better account of themselves than lambs, at \$17.50 down. Northwest feeder lambs are bringing \$18 down on the range and \$19 and below at big markets. Whether rightly or not, finishers are being advised not to make lambs heavy until the weight mess in heavy steers is cleared up, the idea being that lambs over 105 pounds

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Washington Parade

By JAY RICHTER

STOCKMEN generally will be helped somewhat by government pork buying, say livestock people here. Their theory is that too-cheap pork gives other meats competition for the consumer dollar... that action to take some pork off the market will be beneficial to the livestock industry.

Insiders at USDA's Commodity Stabilization Service—which would buy pork for the government—said at press time the agency was all tooled up to start actual buying within a couple of weeks after getting a go-ahead from Agriculture Secretary Benson.

The program worked out, USDA said, "Would be in addition to the efforts already under way to cooperate with and coordinate the pork promotion campaign now being carried on."

Department livestock men haven't been saying anything about it publicly, but their hope is to keep hog markets at about this fall's level through much of the winter. That could take a considerable amount of government buying—say as much as 10 per cent of pork supplies on the market between now and next February.

Disposal would be a tough problem. School lunches could use some pork, and also welfare institutions. Farm Bureau officials suggest that some pork cuts as well as lard could be exported.

Higher and more numerous ACP payments look to have the inside track now in Washington as the method that will be used to try and maintain farm income, and get some extra acres out of production. Government land-rental and soil-bank schemes are finding opposition at USDA for these reasons:

That such a program would object to the government interference involved; that seed supply to convert rented acres to grass is inadequate; that the rental idea would put the major emphasis on getting extra dollars in farmers' pockets, but might be of little or no help to conservation.

The ACP approach, say those who favor it, would put the stress where it belongs—on conservation—and also would obtain at least some temporary production control.

There is a lot of difference of opinion developing in Washington over the question of whether the Presi-

dent's illness will or won't make things tougher for Agriculture Secretary Benson and his policies. Some say yes. Their theory is that many Republicans who have never liked the Benson program now will chip away at it.

Others say no. Their point is that Ike's lieutenants and GOP leaders are now being more careful than ever about thwarting the boss. Besides, they point out, the President may soon be back on the job full time. Meantime, it would be not only bad strategy to go after his agriculture secretary, but most disrespectful of the Chief Executive to boot.

It looks as though your farm machinery and equipment costs are going up.

Following announcement of some companies that they intend to raise prices about seven per cent, Secretary Benson declared that he is "deeply disturbed" by any action that will add even a penny to farm costs at this time. Manufacturers, however, argue that increases in their prices are inevitable for two reasons—higher cost of steel and higher wages in their plants.

Recommendations to Mr. Benson from his 18-man National Agricultural Advisory Commission are not likely to include suggestions involving large additional expenditures by government to improve farm income. This is the conclusion to be drawn from a little-noticed but important statement by the head of the commission, Dean W. I. Myers of Cornell University in New York State.

Dean Myers believes farmers can look to the future with cautious optimism, particularly producers of livestock and livestock products. He lists these four reasons: (1) More favorable feed prices; (2) progress in bringing supply and demand of dairy products into balance; (3) the long-run favorable outlook for profitable production of "choice foods" such as meat, eggs, milk, fruits and vegetables; (4) high and rising demand for such foods from an increasing population expected to reach about 200 million by 1970.

Competition in farming as in industry, said Dean Myers, "separates the men from the boys." Most farmers, he believes, are in fair financial shape, although this may not be true of growers who depend mainly on cotton, wheat, corn and tobacco. He thinks it will take several years to reduce carryover for these crops to manageable size, even with reduction in acreage and export programs.

Price supports for feed grains next year are giving USDA veterans a large headache. Props for this year were dropped to 70 per cent of parity from 85 per cent in 1954 for oats, barley, sorghums and rye.

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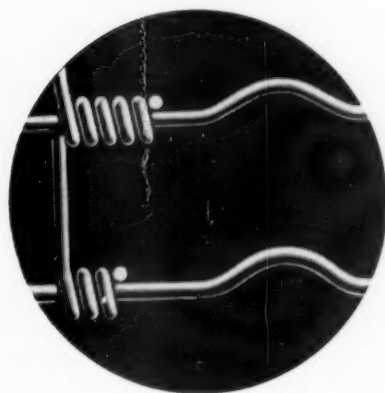
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Management of the Farm Flock

By JOE H. DIXON

FALL MONTHS are busy months for the many flock owners in the Southwest. All are anxious to get their small grain in the ground to provide abundant pasture for the ewes and lambs during the late fall and winter months. It is always an interesting sight at this time of year to pass through the countryside and see the farm flocks with their newborn lambs at side. Twin lambs are nothing unusual to the sheep industry and to me it is always a touching sight to see a lamb tugging away and nursing on each side of their mother.

Last week on my way to the Dallas State Fair I stopped at Frisco and inspected a flock of 400 grade Rambouillet ewes that were about to begin lambing around November 1. As

we drove in the car through the flock of ewes in the pasture without in the least disturbing them it was a pleasing picture to see these good commercial ewes heavy with lamb grazing leisurely in good pasture.

The Last Month of Pregnancy

It has always seemed important to me that the ewe flock be on good feed and receive plenty of nourishment the last month before lambing. If ewes can run on good green feed during this period it may not be necessary to give them additional feed at this time. Should your pastures be short and dry, many sheepmen have found it advisable to supplement their feed for the ewe flock by feeding some grain and legume hay. Alfalfa, clover and soybean hay are all rich in pro-

tein, minerals and vitamins and have been found to have about the same value as sheep feed. Because of the heavy demands on the ewe during this last month it is necessary to feed the ewes well to nourish the rapidly developing lamb. This is no time to economize on the feed for the ewe flock, for it is important that they give birth to strong, vigorous lambs and at the same time insure an adequate milk supply.

For a grain mixture, whole oats, shelled or cracked corn, maize, wheat bran and either linseed or soybean oilmeal, makes a desirable feed. Many flock owners differ in feeding a grain ration but I have always thought one part of bran to six parts of oats, with a small amount of the other ingredients added, makes a satisfactory grain feed. The bran will help to keep the ewes from choking up on the oats when they are eating fast, and you will also find it a good conditioner. For three to four weeks before lambing one-half to three-fourths pound of grain in addition to good hay will not hurt the ewes. Some feeders add salt and mineral to their grain ration, while others feed it separately. Personally I prefer the latter method, for in this way they are not forced to eat more than their system requires.

Exercise Important

Plenty of exercise is good for the breeding flock and in this section of the country they generally get plenty. In northern and eastern states, where most lambing is done after the first of the year, many flocks are confined to winter feeding in barns and sheds. Sheep do not thrive well in close confinement, especially ewes heavy with lambs. Sheep raisers in this section are more fortunate in that their ewe flocks may run outside, practically the year around. There is little excuse for ewes in this country to not get enough exercise. There are some registered breeders, however, who keep their ewes up for heavy feeding before and at lambing time, and I think it well to caution them to see that the pregnant ewes take the proper walk or exercise each day.

Back Number Your Ewes

It is a big advantage and a simple matter at lambing time to have your ewe flock "back numbered." By this I mean to give each ewe an individual number so you can easily identify her at a moment's notice. Branding paint and a set of aluminum numerals are available at almost any livestock supply company. The numbers can be stamped on a ewe's back in no time at all, and you will find this method of marking your ewes will help immensely at lambing time. Many registered flock owners use this method of identification and I can see no reason why it should not prove a big help to the average farm flock owner or commercial breeder. If there are more than one member of your family helping with the lambing you can mention the back number of any particular ewe that might need attention and she can be easily located. It is also worthwhile if you plan to keep any notes on your ewes while they are lambing.

By shearing time in the spring the number is generally pretty well worn off. There are a few sheepmen who can recognize every individual in their flock without the use of back numbers or ear tags, but these men are in the minority.

The Lambing Period

Several sheep breeders who have had experience lambing both registered and commercial ewes have told me they have encountered far less trouble lambing out the grade or commercial ewes. This I believe to be more or less a fact, for it is common knowledge that many farmers are too busy in the fall of the year to have the time they would like to spend with the ewes that are lambing. To



SOUTHDOWN CHAMPION

Duron Howard, Byers, Oklahoma, is shown with his champion Southdown ram of the State Fair.

Washington

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Hope was that production would be reduced, but it has gone up instead, due to the shift into feed grains of diverted acres. There has been talk at the department of knocking feed grain floors out entirely, in hopes this would retard production.

Nobody at USDA, however, much likes the idea of eliminating floors with farm income still declining. Such action would bring a howl from GOP party leaders and congressmen running for re-election in grain-growing areas.

Best guess is that Benson will keep feeding grain floors in '56 about where they are now. Time of decision probably will be soon. This year's supports were announced on last December 13.

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Texas Livestock Pest Control Clinic Scheduled for Del Rio

TEXAS RANCHMEN will be offered an opportunity to hear national authorities on pest control in a program planned for Del Rio on December 5. The meeting, sponsored by the Texas Livestock Pest Control Clinic, will be held at the Roswell Hotel and will start at 9:30 A.M., with R. E. Taylor of San Antonio presiding.

The Texas Producers of Veterinary Supplies organization is composed of firms and manufacturers making or distributing veterinary biologicals, pharmaceuticals and insecticides. The purpose of the organization is to better serve the livestock industry through educational and non-commercial activities.

A number of years ago it was recognized that several groups of workers were involved in the problem of serving the livestock raiser and in keeping our livestock healthy. Each one of these groups was in a way dependent on one or more of the others. It soon developed that the research group was an integral part inasmuch as its work involved research and the discovery of control measures, but they were not in a position to engage in the commercial distribution of control chemicals or formulations.

The teaching group of representatives of our schools are somewhat dependent on the research group for basic knowledge. The MANUFACTURER fits into the picture by taking up the task from the research group to make available to the livestock producers formulations, preparations and supplies to assist him in keeping his stock healthy.

The Extension Service is interested in the research group for authentic information to pass on to the producer. The Extension Service is also

the farmers who have their lambs arrive during the winter months it is often possible for them to give them more attention. Many ewe flocks lamb out a good percentage of lambs without giving much trouble and this helps to make the average-grade ewe popular with a lot of farmers.

But the fact remains that the man who does give his flock close attention at lambing time is more apt to be a successful sheepman. Occasionally there are ewes that do need a little help lambing and for the man who takes time to look at his ewes morning, noon and night he is apt to save himself several lambs that otherwise might be lost at birth.

One prominent registered breeder has told me on different occasions that he would as soon lose a grown sheep as to lose a good newborn lamb that he neglected at birth. Perhaps the uncertainty of what the lamb might have developed into made him feel this way. Many of our top breeders spend many long hours with their flock at lambing time and it is a practice that many times pays big dividends.

dependent on the manufacturer to be assured that the control measures that the service recommends are both available and dependable.

In order to make these meetings strictly non-commercial, the Association of Texas Producers of Veterinary Supplies acts only in the capacity of making these meetings available to the people of Texas. The program subjects are presented by the non-commercial groups.

The officers of the organization are R. E. Taylor, San Antonio, manager of the Crockett Laboratories, president; Hardy Taylor, San Angelo, Southwestern Salt and Supply Co., vice president, and W. J. Perlitz, Austin, manager of C. J. Martin and Sons, secretary.

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The program for the Del Rio meeting follows:

9:30 A.M. — "The Place of Veterinary Public Health in the Livestock Industry," Dr. A. B. Rich, State Health Department veterinarian, Austin.

10:00 A.M. — "Research and the Livestock Industry," Dr. R. E. Patterson, vice director, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station.

10:30 A.M. — Coffee break.

10:45 A.M. — "Internal Parasites of Livestock," Dr. R. D. Turk, director, department of veterinary parasitology, A&M College, College Station.

1:15 P.M. — "Bluetongue," illustrated, Dr. W. T. Hardy, superintendent, Agricultural Experiment Station, Sub-Station No. 14, Sonora.

Assisted by Dr. R. H. Jones, entomologist, entomology research station, United States Department of Agriculture, Kerrville.

2:15 P.M. — "Research on Treatments for Screwworm Control," W. S. McGregor, entomologist, United States Department of Agriculture Entomology Research Station, Kerrville.

"A Field Survey on the Performance of Screwworm Larvicides," by H. M. Brundrett, entomologist, United States Department of Agriculture Entomology Research Station, Kerrville.

5:00 P.M. — "What Is New in Insecticides — Hazards and Antidotes," Dr. R. D. Radeliff, veterinarian in charge, Dr. G. T. Woodard, assistant veterinarian in charge, animal disease and parasite research branch, Entomology Research Laboratory, Kerrville.

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Poor Moisture Penetration and Noxious Weeds Are Major Problems for Ranchmen

By C. A. RECHENTHIN
Soil Conservation Service

RECENT CHECKS indicate that two changes that are significant and of major importance to ranchers have occurred on rangelands of West Texas during recent years: (1) poor penetration of moisture and (2) invasion of weeds. The changes vary in degree in direct correlation with the amount and intensity of the grazing that has occurred in the past.

Poor penetration of moisture is perhaps the most important and far-reaching change. The surface of the

soil on many West Texas ranges is so crusted and compacted by years of drouth and trampling that little moisture from life-giving rains when they do come can enter the soil for the use of the plants. Recovery of vegetation on such bare ranges is almost nil in extreme cases. Runoff and waste of water from the bare range is high, sometimes accompanied by floods and high losses of livestock and property.

Numerous moisture penetration

checks after rains have been made by the Soil Conservation Service. These checks tell the same significant story, over and over again, varying only with the intensity and amount of rainfall and the bareness of the soil.

Following rains of two to three and one-half inches on the South Concho River watershed, moisture checks showed crusted, bare soils were wet only to depths of four to six inches. This means that only about one inch, or slightly more, of the rain was absorbed by the soil for plant growth. After a few days of hot sunshine, because of the shallow penetration, the moisture was gone. The only plants that made any growth at all were desert plants, plants that can survive under very limited moisture, such as croton, caltrop, hairy tridens and red grama, of no or little forage value.

Following hard rains of six to seven inches near Ballinger denuded soils were wet only to depths of four to ten inches. No more than three-fourths to two and one-half inches of the good rains entered the soil—the rest was lost as runoff and floods. Drouth was back on these soils again within a few weeks.

A hard rain of 2.25 inches near Bronte wet a bare soil only three inches deep, hardly more than one-half inch having soaked into the thirsty soil. The rain didn't even slow down the drouth on that soil.

The story has been repeated time and time again on West Texas soils. Yet many of the ranchers are still thinking there isn't anything wrong that a good four-inch rain won't cure. But the plain fact is that plants won't grow unless they have moisture. And on many ranges, little of the rain water is entering the soil. Recovery from the drouth, when the good rains do come, is going to be very, very slow. It is a cinch that plants won't grow without moisture.

Compare the foregoing results on barren soils with some on soils having a cover of some kind. Soils with cover of vegetation in the South Concho River watershed following the two- to three and a half-inch rains were wet to depths ranging from 10 to 18 inches. Enough moisture was stored in the soil to produce a lot of grass growth. Sidecoats grama, buffalo-grass and other grasses made good growth, and many were able to pro-

duce some seed where grazing was not too severe.

Near Ballinger, the six to seven inches of rain wet the soil with cover on the surface to depths as great as 45 inches in some places. This was enough moisture to produce several thousand pounds of vegetation, and the grasses continued growth most of the summer. The drouth was broken on those pastures—yet just across the fence it continued its grip on denuded range.

Soils with a cover near Bronte were wet to a depth of 12 inches following the 2.25-inch rain. That was enough moisture to produce several hundred pounds of grass per acre.

The other important change is a large increase in kinds and amounts of weeds and weedy grasses noticeable on most ranges of West Texas. Particularly prevalent on drouth-stricken ranges are such worthless plants as senna, croton, mealycup sage, mat spurge, caltrop, buffalobur and others. Many of the weeds are actually harmful by being poisonous or mechanically injurious to animals through spines or needles. Hairy caltrop goathead, buffalobur and other poisonous plants seem more abundant than ever before. If good autumn rains should occur, ranchers of the Edwards Plateau can expect the biggest crop of bitterweed ever experienced. Bitterweed just loves bare soils in which to germinate and grow; it can't stand the competition of a good grass cover.

The invasion of weedy plants into drouth-stricken ranges is a serious problem to ranchers, yet it is the result of operation of natural laws. Nature has designed a plant or plants for almost every condition, and there are numerous plants adapted to the most severe extremes of rainfall, temperature or soil. Nature always attempts to keep the soil covered, no matter what the environment.

Grazing of livestock, aided by the extremely low rainfall of the past years has been hard on the palatable plants. Livestock in many pastures have sought out and consumed even the smallest scrap of forage. The result is rangeland in a severely denuded condition.

Nature has designed many annuals to fit into just such an environment. They germinate, grow and produce seed quickly, even in small showers.

Moisture wet a bare soil near Bronte during a 2.25-inch rain only three inches deep, which means only about one-half inch of the moisture soaked into the soil. The rest was wasted and desert conditions prevail in this site.

Poor range and poor livestock go together. Animals suffering from lack of feed are more susceptible to disease, and more apt to graze, and suffer from effects of, poisonous plants. This ewe has a severe case of bitterweed poisoning. Bitterweed is one of the annuals that can invade into bare areas.

A closeup of denuded rangeland, where only worthless annuals remain. Hairy caltrop is the large plant on the right. A single plant of annual threecawn is just left of center. Note the crusted condition of the surface. This is a condition only too common in West Texas.



Some are palatable, but many are entirely worthless for grazing, or may even be poisonous. Actually, their place in nature's balance is to produce a cover for the exposed surface, to absorb and hold the rains so that the slower-growing plants requiring more moisture can again take hold.

Too often ranchers do not realize

that much of the quick growth or "greening up" on denuded ranges following rains consists mostly of annuals, many of them worthless for grazing. "Greening up" is feed on the ground, they think, and restock their pastures too quickly. The livestock select and graze out the slow-growing.

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A closeup of another range near San Angelo where worthless perennials are present. Senna (the large plant on the right), red grama (center) and purge (an annual on far left) are the only plants surviving in this desert environment. Note how little cover they furnish to the soil.

A fence line contrast within a short distance of pictures 3 and 4. On the near side grazing has removed any cover and so little moisture penetrated the soil that the plants remaining were unable to make any growth. The soil with a cover of vegetation on the other side of the fence absorbed the rains and the sidecoats grama and hairy grama have made good growth. A net wire fence here stopped the drought.

Another pasture nearby where a good cover was able to help the soils absorb the rains and sidecoats grama has made good growth and produced seed. Recovery of desirable grasses following rains where there was cover has been remarkable.

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Major Problems

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palatable plants which are unable to make any recovery. The unpalatable annuals, not grazed at all, are able to grow and spread rapidly. "The weeds crowded out my grass," it is claimed, when in reality it was the livestock that "crowded out" the grass.

In addition to the annuals that come and go with moisture, the only plants that have survived are those that can stand the pressure of grazing and the extremely dry conditions brought on by lack of rainfall, and lack of penetration of moisture. They are plants adapted to desert or semi-desert conditions, either unpalatable to livestock or having growth characteristics that enable them to grow in spite of grazing.

Red grama, hairy tridens, burro-grass, fluffgrass and similar grasses are almost the only grasses that remain on some ranges. These grasses are either unpalatable or they grow so close to the ground that it is almost impossible for livestock to eradicate them. They are all low producers adapted to low moisture conditions. A red grama range is a sure sign that little moisture is getting into the soil.

Certain perennials, particularly crotons, several sennas, mealycup sage and broom snakeweed and woody invaders have become abundant on the West Texas ranges. These plants are able to spread because they are not grazed and grazing has removed the grasses which would normally compete with them for moisture and soil nutrients.

To restore the good grasses to West Texas rangelands, measures need to be taken to get moisture into the soil and allow the good, desirable plants to recover.

The only permanent answer to getting moisture into the soil is to maintain a cover. A cover of vegetation acts as a sponge to hold and help the soil absorb the rains. A large percent of the rains in West Texas come as hard thundershowers, which produce high runoffs on unprotected soils. This makes it doubly important to maintain a cover on the soil. Some contend that it is not practical to always keep a cover—but with the limited rainfall of West Texas, is it practical to waste a drop of water? Every drop must count, because feed bills as a result of wasted rains are much more expensive than conservation.

On crusted, denuded soils, many ranchers in soil conservation districts are finding that pitting is an effective temporary measure of getting moisture back into the soil to start vegetation

back to recovery. The pits themselves have a capacity of one-half to one inch of rain at normal spacing of 30 to 36 inches. Additional penetration and absorption due to the pits have been as much as two to three inches more of rain. J. A. (Uncle Bob) Mims found pits wet 18 to 20 inches deep, whereas adjacent unpitted areas were wet only four to six inches following a two-inch rain on his ranch near Water Valley.

Where there is a lack of desirable plants, it will often be found desirable to add seed. The Edwards Plateau Conservation District is getting some wonderful results where native grasses were seeded on denuded, pitted rangeland.

Another important practice to aid in restoring grasslands is the control of undesirable brush and weeds. Mesquite, cactus, cedar and numerous other invaders have made such an increase on many ranges that they definitely retard the recovery of better plants.

The first consideration, however, in planning for range recovery is to permit the better, more palatable and productive plants to make adequate growth to restore their vigor and reseed. Plants manufacture food in their leaves. If plants are grazed too closely, they have no leaves in which to manufacture food. They are unable to make sufficient growth to recover. Research and experience with grazing of plants continuously show that when more than half is removed, the manufacture and storage of food is slowed down and the growth and root development of the plant is materially reduced, or ceases entirely. Plants are weakened and unable to resist extremes of grazing, drouth or temperatures. There is insufficient cover on the soil to absorb the rains.

Pitting, brush control and other special measures cannot be expected to succeed if the desirable grasses are not permitted to make adequate growth to recover. In fact, livestock may concentrate on a pitted or brush-treated area where it is only a small part of a pasture, due to its extra moisture and green growth of plants, and keep it from making any recovery at all.

Soil conservation districts have technical assistance and equipment available to assist ranchers in evaluating the conditions on their ranch, and then planning for and carrying out the measures best adapted to the ranch. Only insofar as the ranch operator understands the conditions and manages his ranch to hold the rainfall and permit the good grasses to recover can improvement be expected. George Skeet and other ranchers of the North Concho Soil Conservation District have adopted the slogan, "It is the rain you KEEP that counts."

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USDA plant breeders in Mississippi have come out with crosses of Johnson grass and sorghum that have yielded more than 30 tons of forage per acre. The vigorous hybrids have the high-yielding traits of sorghum and the perennial growth habit of Johnson grass. These crosses have not been perfected for release to farmers and ranchers because the plant breeders want to be sure that new hybrids are dependable yielders before recommending them to growers.

Soil Conservation Service plant material technician Harold Cooper reports successful trials of reintroducing tall and mid-grasses into short grass ranges in the High Plains. Fourteen ranchers near Dodge City, Kansas, have been successful in getting western wheatgrass, switchgrass, little bluestem and others to grow on newly made contour furrows in buffalograss and blue grama ranges. Of course,

each species was planted on sites especially adapted for it, and results have been gratifying.

Taller grasses once were far more plentiful on the High Plains than now because livestock selected them first and reduced them in quantity. Good stands of tall grasses brought back thorough seeding should increase grass yield per acre as much as 25 to 40 per cent.

Studies made by the Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, show that a dairy cow that produces only 5,000 pounds of milk a year seldom pays her owner a profit.

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Present conversion processes are powered by electricity, and much cheaper sources of energy will have to be supplied before it will be practical to convert salt water to fresh water for irrigation purposes.

Persian nomads move their flocks
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Persian nomads nooning near Shiraz in southern Persia. Nomad shepherd holds two fat-tailed ewes while two of his wives milk them. Ewes shear about three or four pounds of carpet wool used for rug making and for clothing. The country observed here resembles Fort Stockton as to climate and topography. Hills in the background are limestone.

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Evaluating a Pedigree

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DOWN THROUGH the ages man has come to accept such statements as "like father, like son," and "like begets like" as true statements. Perhaps we can all think of certain exceptions,

but in the main we know that a good background is the best guarantee of performance.

Livestock breeders in America and throughout the world have come to depend a great deal on the pedigree in evaluating the prospective breeding performance of livestock. Sheepmen certainly are no exception. It is well that they should consider the pedigree information because the pedigree is the written record of the ancestry of an animal. The term is quite often synonymously used with registration certificate; however, the latter term is usually reserved for the formal record as issued by a breed association.

Pedigrees are a good indication of prospective performance, but are not guarantees and should not be treated as such. In the first place, a pedigree is worth just as much as the accuracy and honesty of the man who prepares it. Certainly most breeders are scrupulously honest and for the rare person who wilfully makes falsifications on pedigrees, breed associations are constantly on the alert. Not only that, the federal government is always ready to prosecute where the mails have been used to defraud, and since most pedigrees at some time or the other get mailed, this acts as a safeguard against wilful misrepresentation.

No Ancestry 'Worship'

While pedigrees are records of an animal's ancestry, they should not be used for "ancestry worship." Actually no animal appearing in the pedigree after the third generation has more than a very minor influence on the animal for which the pedigree was prepared, unless of course that ancestry repeatedly appears in the pedigree. After all, it's the ability of the animal to transmit inherited characters that we really want to know about. The following table indicates just how much influence each ancestor has on the individual animal:

Parents (first)	50%
Grandparents (second)	25%
Great-grandparents (third)	12½%
Great-great-grandparents (fourth)	6¼%
Great-great-great-grandparents (fifth)	3⅛%

Even though a pedigree should not be used for ancestry worship, it still can serve a very useful purpose because it gives us an opportunity to examine and find if all of the ancestors, particularly those close up in the pedigree, have been of unusually fine merit. A buyer or breeder should be continually aware that one bad ancestor has just as much influence at a given point in a pedigree as does the most outstanding animal of a breed that ever lived because each have contributed the same amount of inheritance to the offspring. It is well for pedigree fanciers to keep this in mind.

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ing line that is all they need to worry about. This is particularly accentuated in the case of persons who become fanciers of sheep families and put great stress on some sheep that may have been born as much as 15 or 20 generations ago, and almost wholly ignore the rest of the pedigree.

It is true that certain sheep families have been developed in some breeds that are good, but it has been through the use of outstanding sires and a good breeding program through the years and not just because there are a few drops of "old grannie's" blood in the animal or at least her name shows way down in the corner of the bracket pedigree.

Near Relatives a Good Index

Since we cannot use the pedigree as an unfailing guide in picking animals that breed as we want them to, it is well for us to look at the near relatives of the animal. They furnish a very good index. Certainly we should make full use, in evaluating the pedigree, of full brothers and sisters, half-brothers and half-sisters, and even of more distant relatives. These are much better criteria of how the animal will probably breed than animals showing beyond the third generation in the pedigree. This is not a fault of the pedigree of an animal, but merely confirms that it is the inheritance of recent ancestry that is passed along that adds merit to a pedigree. If a closer ancestor, say a sire or dam, has produced offspring that have been outstanding producers, it not only adds prestige to a pedigree, but greatly enhances the odds their other progeny will be good. The more good ones they have produced, the more the odds are raised.

The sheep breeds have not been active in advanced registry or production registry work, but the dairy breeds and certain other classes of

livestock have given considerable attention to this activity. This, no doubt, is due to the fact that it is much easier to get an accurate measure of performance than it is with sheep. Certainly the dairy folks and even the swine folks are much ahead of the sheep and cattle breeders in this respect. Advanced registries or production registries are merely separate herd books that are maintained for recording outstanding performance. Breeds that have advanced registries put great stock in this form of advanced registration.

It Takes Some Work

Even though the sheep breeders do not have advanced registries established, they should think in terms of getting all the data they can to substantiate their pedigrees or make them more complete. It is safe to predict that in the future sheep breeders will value production records on the ancestry in pedigrees, particularly those that are close up, to a much greater extent

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Conservation

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The teacher and his ten-year-old son, Sammy, had traveled only a short distance from the school house when Indians suddenly swooped down upon them and killed both.

The Pioneer Teacher

By ROY HOLT

Nineteen hundred fifty-four marked the 100th anniversary of the launching of public free schools in Texas. It may thus be of some interest to recount briefly the role of some of those pioneer school masters who did their bit when the foundation of the educational system of West Texas was being established.

IN ALL the stories of the frontier settlements the exploits of the Indian fighter, the cowboy, the saloon keeper, the settler, and others are vividly portrayed. The school master, if mentioned at all, is given scant space. A regular job in a classroom has never been exactly glamorous, it is true, and we now leave nearly all of it for the ladies to do. However, old timers in reminiscent mood always tell of the times they got a licking from this teacher or how they outwitted that teacher. Now that more and more schools are holding annual reunions, the role of the pioneer teacher, during the rough and ready days, is coming to be given more prestige.

The pioneer teacher had his actual hardships and serious problems along with others who settled the country. The weak and the timid had no place on the frontier. The inducements offered to the teacher were few indeed and that explains the rapid turnover in the teaching personnel. Not too many men were willing or able to teach and few of them continued as teachers. However, many individuals

fearlessly and honestly labored as teachers in West Texas, working to give the children a chance to secure an education.

Indians Menaced Schools

In addition to his other strenuous duties, the pioneer teacher had the responsibility of protecting his charges from marauding Indians, who raided the frontier of Texas for many decades. The prudent teacher always went armed and saw that his older pupils kept their guns ready.

In 1840 the Comanche Indians made a retaliatory raid upon the settlements of Victoria and Linnville soon after several of their leaders had been killed in the Council House in San Antonio. A man named Blair was teaching a small school in the suburbs of Victoria. He could not believe his pupils when they first reported that Indians were outside. The teacher investigated and saw at least 800 mounted warriors approaching. Blair grabbed his double-barreled shotgun, calmly led the children outside and started them in a compact group toward the town. The Comanches surrounded the group but were careful to stay out of range of the shotgun. One daring rider dashed too close and Blair fired, wounding the brave and his pony.

Blair kept moving his pupils toward

town. The Indians evidently thought they had plenty of time and merely kept the school children surrounded. Citizens of the town suddenly came to the rescue and fought off every charge of the red horsemen. The pupils and teacher were saved.

Not all teachers during the Indian days were so fortunate. In 1870, J. C. Dollahite, an ex-Confederate soldier, was teaching school in a little log house in Blanco County. One afternoon, after dismissing his pupils, the teacher and his 10-year-old son, Sammy, had traveled only a short distance from the schoolhouse when the Indians suddenly swooped down upon them and killed them both. Some of the school children saw the Indians coming and ran to hide. Others ran home and spread the news. The Indians left hurriedly after taking all the horses in the vicinity. Pioneer settlers still pay tribute to this teacher whose life was given for the beginning of education.

Amy Metzger and her younger sister, Ann, were captured by Indians about two miles from Fredericksburg as they walked home from school one afternoon in 1867. The older girl was murdered and the younger taken captive, but managed to escape and was returned to her home a few months later.

In the early days of Shackelford County the scattered settlers had hired

a teacher for a four-month term and put all the children of the area at Lynch's ranch, some 12 miles east of old Fort Griffin. Two of the pupils were the Ledbetter boys, sons of a ranchman and operator of the salt works in that section. One afternoon after school Johnny Ledbetter simply disappeared. The school teacher accompanied all the ranchmen of the area in scouring the country for the boy, but the boy was never heard of again.

One of the early-day teachers at Fort McKavitt, where the same school building is said to have been in use for at least 100 years, was a Mr. Tetherly. Later he taught for several years at Loyal Valley in Mason County, and then returned to his native England. This pioneer teacher was greatly admired and respected because of his fearlessness in fighting Indians on several occasions.

Sam Newcomb taught school at old Fort Davis in Stephens County in 1865 and part of 1866. He left a diary which rather vividly describes conditions at a time when Indian dangers caused all families in the area to gather at one fort for protection. Newcomb also belonged to the frontier home guard. On March 12, 1865, Newcomb wrote that Indian excitement was very high. The next day he began a 14-week term of school with 19 scholars. "Most of them are rude, wild and wholly unacquainted with school discipline," he wrote.

The diary entries continued to March of 1866. After recounting numerous Indian raids, an entry on March 2 recorded the closing of school. Several pupils had quit school to get married. The teacher was heartily tired of his job in such an isolated locality.

E. W. Boles, Texas Ranger, Indian fighter and trail driver with John Chisum, related that once when he was in school at Trickham in Coleman County a band of Indians came riding past the schoolhouse. David McCallister, the teacher, and all the large boys grabbed their guns, ran to their horses and chased the Indians for several miles. History records that in 1870 Comanches actually attacked the stone schoolhouse in Trickham. The teacher and the boys had their guns ready and the savages decided not to push the attack. McCallister later moved to McCulloch County and taught there for several years. He erected a store building on the Colorado, planning to quit teaching. The Indians soon burned this store and the merchant was out of business and again taught school.

One of the most often repeated stories of tragedy on the Texas frontier happened at a log schoolhouse in Hamilton County. In the summer of 1867 Miss Ann Whitney was teaching the school in the Warlene Valley on the Leon River, a few miles from the town of Hamilton. Early one afternoon some of the pupils reported that horsemen were approaching the school building, but the teacher, apparently satisfied that the riders were cattlemen of the vicinity, did not investigate but continued with her classes. One small girl identified the riders as Indians. She cried out a warning, grabbed her little brother by the

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The Pioneer Teacher

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hand and both escaped through a back window of the cabin. The teacher then went to the door and saw that the Indians were taking her own fine saddle horse. She then closed the front door and told the children to escape by the back window.

All did this except four or five of the smaller children. Some of the children crawled under the schoolhouse instead of running away. The teacher, being a very large woman, could not escape through the window. The Indians soon surrounded the building. One of the savages addressed the teacher in broken English and began shooting arrows at her through the cracks between the logs.

Miss Whitney implored the Indians to let the children go, but in reply arrow after arrow was shot into her body. One small girl continued to cling to the skirts of her beloved teacher and she, too, was soon covered in blood.

Miss Whitney walked from one side of the room to the other continuing her entreaty for the lives of her charges. Finally, as some of the Indians broke down the door, the staggering teacher assisted two little girls

through the back window. When the Indians finally entered the dead body of Ann Whitney obstructed the doorway. Not one of the school children was killed by the savages, although one of the small boys was taken and held in captivity for two years.

Ann Whitney was a courageous pioneer school teacher who gave her life to save her pupils. In a cemetery in Hamilton the school children of Hamilton County have erected this memorial:

"In memory of Ann Whitney, a frontier school teacher; born in Massachusetts about 1835, killed by the Comanche Indians July 11, 1867. Resting in hope of a glorious resurrection."

The first teacher in the northeast part of McCulloch County was John W. Jump, who was also a member of Lieut. Dick Barton's "Minute Men." This school was held in a picket house on the Colorado River in the Beasley Settlement. The teacher and the older boys all went armed as protection against the Indians. This is said to have caused the first killing in that section, when one of the boys was shot by another.

A young teacher in Erath County

in the early days was "green from the states." He did not go armed and did not realize the danger of Indian raids. He was especially cautioned about traveling on foot and not going armed, but he supposed that he was merely being initiated to the west.

One Saturday morning he started on foot to visit his sweetheart in a community some 10 miles away. When he was a few miles from home he heard diabolical yells behind him and discovered that 20 mounted Indians were riding down upon him at full tilt.

The young teacher immediately sprinted for a dense body of timber. The Indians gained but little on him at first but, when near the timber, he stumbled and fell. Instinctively his hand clutched a stick and with this he faced the Indians who had come up near enough to him to let fly their arrows thick and fast. The stick proved to be the black, half-burnt root of a sumach bush about the length and shape of a six-shooter. The Indians drew back and the teacher again ran for the timber. This serious little game went on for some time, with the teacher presenting his formidable sumach root when hard pressed and with the same results. Finally he reached the timber and escaped without having received a scratch, although arrows had cut his clothes in several places.

Teachers Get Names in National Archives

In 1855 two reservations were established on the Brazos for the purpose of civilizing the Texas Indians. The red men themselves were reported as anxious for a school so that their children could learn to "walk the white man's road."

Z. E. Coombs, teacher of the school which was started on the lower reservation in 1858, had the rare distinction of getting his name in the national archives—deeply hidden in the mass of reports, of course. Coombs reported the progress of his Indian

pupils, as well as pointing out many obstacles. He had enrolled 60 pupils and asked for an assistant. Continuous excitement had been caused on the reservation by depredations of wild Comanches and their allies. This condition naturally interfered with school progress.

Also, the killing of agency Indians and threats of extermination by the white settlers had been even worse. The teacher reported that his pupils were in fear of being murdered and had brought their bows and arrows to school. These pupils were from the peaceful, agricultural tribes such as the Caddoes, Anadarkoes, Tonkawas and Delawares.

In August of 1858 Richard Sloane served as teacher of the upper, or Comanche, reservation. The Comanches were represented as being very desirous of learning English and had requested the school. All the chiefs and heads of families had come to the school on opening morning. Mathew Leeper, the agent, addressed the Comanches through an interpreter. The expulsion of all the Indians from both reservations in 1859 of course ended the schools.

Selecting the Teacher

When a frontier community had enough children to start a school the parents united in building a rude log or picket shack and began to look about for a teacher. There were few applicants for the job, with teachers often being drafted. Availability, rather than qualifications, often determined the choice.

Usually the teachers were men, but many women served their time in helping the children of the community. George Pauley, ranchman of Valera in Coleman County, recalls that the first school he attended was taught by the wife of a sheepman who was camped near the old picket schoolhouse.

Mrs. M. J. Austin, wife of a pioneer sheepman near the Santa Anna Mountains in the same county, taught the first school in a small building on McDaniel Hill in the eastern part of Santa Anna. Mrs. Jennie Meltzen represented well those sturdy pioneer German settlers in Texas. She taught a German school for many years, riding miles on horseback in riding skirts and on a side saddle. In between terms she had 16 children. As pay for teaching she took cornmeal, bacon, or anything the parents could give. She cooked three meals a day, scrubbed, spun and wove cloth, made soap, sausage and candles.

Frontier military posts were frequently the sites of the first schools in West Texas. At Camp Colorado, in Coleman County, the first school was taught by a soldier before the Civil War. At Fort Concho the chaplain taught the first school, instructing children of officers and enlisted men in such subjects as reading, spelling, arithmetic, geography and "some United States history." A little later the soldiers were doing the teaching at that post.

In 1881 Pvt. George Ruthers protested the legality of his assignment to a company on active duty after being enlisted for a school teacher. He was advised in most positive terms that no men were enlisted specifically as teachers, but were enlisted as sol-



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The teacher and the killer met in the hotel and both began shooting.

diers and must move with the companies to which they were assigned. Two years later this teacher requested through the proper channels that his name be changed to George W. Gibbs, "that being his real name."

Many of the early teachers were also preachers on the sabbath. Perhaps the income from both jobs enabled one to live without farming or stock raising. Also, the knowledge required for success in either calling might easily be carried over into the other.

One of the first schools taught in Llano County was by Parson Duncan. This was near Packsaddle Mountain during the Indian days.

One pioneer teacher who had combined preaching and teaching for many years was once deprived of his pulpit when his enemies confronted him with the scripture, "Do this one thing and this one thing only." The embittered pedagogue then advertised in the state newspapers to get a job teaching 60 miles from the nearest Baptist preacher. He found such a job at Shafter, about 60 miles from Marfa.

Rev. A. B. Roberts taught in the schools of McCulloch County in the early days.

A stranger drifted into the Marfa country in the early days and made application to teach a small school down on the Rio Grande. The board of trustees asked him what he was qualified to teach. "Just anything," he replied. He rather cleverly evaded each of the numerous questions the trustees fired at him. A lawyer on the board finally stated, "If you'll quote one passage of scripture I'll be willing to grant you a third-grade certificate to teach that school. The prospective teacher promptly answered, "And the devil was there also." He got the job.

Another prospective teacher once took a state examination for a certificate to teach a school on the Rio Grande in Presidio County. One member of the board of examiners in Marfa asked if the papers should be graded rigidly. The county judge settled the matter by stating, "Anybody with guts enough to teach down on the Rio Grande ought to pass." The teacher got his certificate.

In the early days a long-legged youth came to the Lynch ranch in Shackelford County from his home in Albany, Georgia. Although he was polished and scholarly, he was strictly a tenderfoot in the cow country. A school was shortly started at old Judge Lynch's home and the Georgia youth, William Kruger, was made the teacher. When Shackelford County was organized the school teacher suggested that the county seat be named Lynch, but ranchman Lynch objected and then Kruger suggested Albany, after his old Georgia home.

About 1881 there were a number of children of school age in the vicinity of Clarendon, in the Panhandle. The cattlemen were assessed to provide a school. No teacher was available, since a cowboy received more pay and had a far more glamorous and thrilling time than did any school teacher. Finally Charles Goodnight picked a man who was well educated and was "smart as a whip" — but he was thought to be the leader of a band of cow thieves. Concerning this first teacher Goodnight said, "Here's the son of a gun! We ought to hang

him. Let's put him to teaching school." It is affirmed that the man took the job and made a good teacher.

Somebody Had to Get Whipped

E. V. White, who began a long teaching career in the country schools of Jones County, in his autobiography states that somebody had to get whipped in the schools of those days.

"If the teacher didn't give it to the pupils, the latter gave it to the teacher." He recalls that one of the trustees in his first school guaranteed the teacher could teach any subject requested and also was physically able to whip any big boy in the school.

White received \$40 a month — but he had to prove to the boys that he could whip them. His second school was one in which the boys had run the teacher off for the two previous years. Here the boys tried the new teacher out the first morning. He whipped the three largest boys before noon, one of them being six feet three inches tall.

Shine Phillips, in his book, "Big Spring," states that the early schools

in West Texas were for "Tamin'" and not football. The restless energy developed in the boys during the long hours on the rough seats was usually whipped out of them after school. In those days it was easy to see whose side the parents were on, for when a

boy got a licking at school "Pa gave another for having got licked at school." Parents believed in "whuppin'" in those days.

Austin Callan, noted newspaper writer, relates that when he was a

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Pioneer Teacher

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boy at Coleman there were two teachers—one to whip the boys and the other to scold the girls. The school equipment consisted of a bundle of switches, a dunce cap and a barrel of water. Discipline was maintained by main strength and the teacher had to be a husky young man. One teacher kept a loaded quirt—and used it on the larger boys. Sometimes whipping of the larger boys was wholesale. One pioneer teacher recounted that once he whipped 14 boys for promoting a prize fight. Three teachers had been forced to leave this school the year before. The teacher gave each boy a lick for each year of his age. That afternoon he went downtown where one

of the merchants told him he had made a mistake—he had whipped the son of a man who had sworn that he would kill the teacher who whipped his son. The teacher was pleased immensely the next morning when he received a note from the father who was reported to have made the threat. This note complimented the teacher for the excellent manner he had handled the situation the previous day.

The rod was not spared. Mesquite switches were well known as a part of the equipment of the early-day schools in West Texas. In spite of the corrective use of these switches the early-day teacher was generally respected—even if he was held in awe by his pupils. The pupils learned respect for authority—a lesson still needed in a democratic country.

When West Texans get to recalling their school days they invariably tell, the very first thing, of the spank-

ings, the paddlings, the threshings and the whippings which were a vital part of education in earlier days. These things they remember most vividly. Each person has a story to tell, usually in the first person.

A pioneer resident of Mason tells that the first school teacher there was an old Irish woman, who had the strength of a strong man and the typical fighting spirit of her race. She kept a quart of whisky and a leather quirt in her desk. The whisky was strictly for her own use, the quirt for use on the kids. In some schools serious fights resulted from whippings administered by the teachers.

Fought As Well As Taught

Sometimes when the teacher started to whip the big boys in school there resulted a knockdown affair that might last for a considerable time. Boys drew knives and brass knuckles on the teacher at times. The whippings and perhaps the fights all took place with the other pupils as spectators. Teachers had to be fighters at times, both in the classroom and in town.

One pioneer teacher stated that not all patrons could be pacified. They always preceded the attack upon the teacher by sending in tricky and difficult problems in arithmetic. If the teacher failed to work these he was in trouble. This teacher whipped the nephew of an old Indian fighter, preacher and gun expert. The word came that the old man was on the warpath. The teacher strapped on his gun and carried it to school. The old man came to school and called the teacher out. They settled their difficulty without trouble.

A pupil in the early-day Eden school remembers that a teacher named Ryan got into a row with the saloon keeper over a poker game in a tent behind the saloon. The teacher was cut with a knife. Both swore to get the other. The teacher went to school with his six-shooter. He placed it on his desk while teaching but carried it whenever he left the building, even to the toilet. The two men seemed to avoid each other and never had the anticipated fight.

In the 1870's a man from Mississippi came to Hill County, Texas, to teach school. J. Frank Dobie, in telling this story, states he had killed several men previously, had served under General Bedford Forrest during the war, and was an expert with a pistol or rifle. The teacher's learning aroused the enmity of some of the cowboys in the community. When it was learned that one of the pretty girls in the school and her tenderfoot teacher were in love the cowboys called on the teacher with a supply of tar and feathers. When the fight was over one cowboy was dead and several others wounded. The teacher went back home, but it is said that a reward of \$5,000 was offered for the teacher, dead or alive. It is also said that every candidate for sheriff of Hill County for years promised to bring the

man back to justice. This was never done.

Back in the days when Sanderson was a part of Pecos County the school teacher there wrote a letter to the sheriff of the county requesting the dismissal of a deputy in Sanderson. The letter was written at the request of another man, whose name was signed to the letter. The deputy in Sanderson, in due time, received the letter from the sheriff. He angrily accosted the teacher, who readily admitted he wrote the letter. The deputy then brought in a killer from Del Rio for the avowed purpose of killing the teacher. The latter disposed of his property and prepared to move.

However, the teacher and killer met in the hotel and both began shooting. The hired killer was shot in the jugular vein and fell. The deputy, who had hidden in a nearby saloon, began firing at the teacher's back when the killer fell. When the smoke cleared both the killer and teacher were dead. This story was related by C. F. Cox, who was an eyewitness to the fight.

The story is told that one pioneer teacher in Coleman County had some difficulty with another man and the two shot it out at one of the stores in Trickham. The teacher stood on the gallery of the store armed with a six-shooter, while his opponent fired from behind a large liveoak tree with his Winchester. The teacher lost one arm as a result of this gun battle.

In another county it was reported that three teachers left one school at the point of a gun during a single short term.

A man named Anderson is said to have shot and killed the first sheriff of Brown County in 1861. The man then made his escape and was never heard of in that section again.

Pay Was Small Inducement

The proverbial poor pay for school teachers had a solid footing during the days when a public education system was being established in West Texas. A man could make more money as a cowboy, a freighter, a cotton picker or even a sheepherder than he could in teaching some of the one-teacher schools. Nor was teaching anything but a temporary job, lasting only a few months of the year at best.

The first schools were subscription and semi-private, with no aid from the state. Sometimes the teacher took his pay in horses, cattle or other goods. Often the teacher boarded with families whose children attended school.

In 1880-81 the average monthly salary for men teachers in Coleman County was reported as \$35.70, and that for women at only \$17.15. During that year there were 13 teachers in the county, a large majority men. Of the 13 teachers four had first-grade certificates, seven second-grade certificates and two had third-grade certificates. A teacher with a permanent certificate was not reported in this county until 1891.

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A Pedigree

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than is true at the present time. This looks like it will be the big field in the future for breeders.

Since there is some extra expense involved in getting production records,

breeders are going to be slow to make this extra expense until commercial producers are willing to pay the added dollars that such a record will cost. Producers will find production background will be of untold value to them in their commercial operations.

It is a well-established fact that the rate and efficiency of gain in sheep is highly heritable. Experiments at the Wyoming and other agricultural experiment stations indicate that selec-

tion for this trait brings rapid and startling results. Let's put it another way—if a young ram is sired by a ram that has been a rapid and efficient gainer, and is out of a ewe that has the same known background, the young ram is a very good bet to reproduce economically and efficiently. If we can get a record of performance on him in addition to that of his parents and it, too, is outstanding, then we have even greater odds that he will sire lambs that will do well.

Breeders of course will not want to lose sight of the fact that sheep must be of acceptable type to command top market price and to turn out top carcasses as well as be efficient in conversion of feed into pounds they can carry across the scale. Some folks have suggested that too many lambs win championships when we don't know how they will grow out. My reply to that is, what are we on in this country—a mature mutton or a lamb economy?

In addition, we can't overlook the kind and amount of wool produced. Just a few easily kept records and the selection of the right rams with "bred-in" ability to produce wool will soon increase the wool clip several pounds in the flock, providing selection of the replacements is based on ability to produce and not on guess. There is no use of breeding in performance and then throwing it away because we do not like the tilt of an ear or a bit too much or too little "fuzz" on the face or the legs. Sheep of the future will need to be bred more than ever for performance.

Early Start Is Worthwhile

Many breeders are already obtaining data on their breeding herds. Some experiment stations, following the lead of the Texas Experiment Station, have been fostering performance tests of bulls. Less work has been done to date on sheep. Expensive equipment or fancy rations are not needed to get performance records and any data secured honestly and carefully beats none at all. The nearer performance tests are made to the actual producing

conditions, the more reliable they will be.

Livestock specialists in the agricultural extension services and at the experiment stations of our land-grant colleges will be glad to work with breeders in their respective states in helping get performance data on flocks. The earlier breeders get started in getting valuable performance information on the pedigree of their sheep, the earlier they will be able to capitalize on the demand that is bound to come from commercial producers for rams of known performing quality.

The most-valued information on the pedigree of dairy cattle is the performance record of the ancestry. In the next quarter century we will no doubt see this same dependence on performance records in sheep. The buyer of the future is not only going to want the animal to look right, but he is going to ask what are the odds that the animal will sire the kind that will produce right. That is the acid test of a pedigree.

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October 4, 1955

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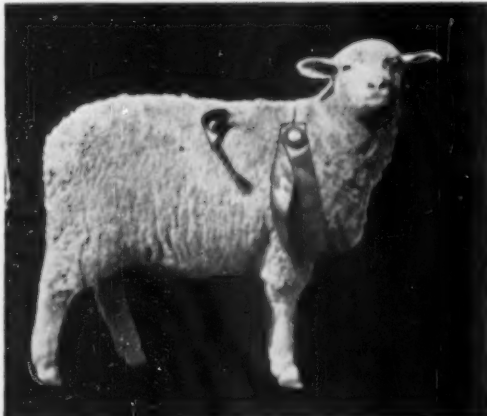
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Mr. Eddy has been working with sheep since 1939, but he got into the business in a big way only two years ago. In 1953 he bought 500 "pure-bred but not registered" Rambouillets from Texas and Oxfords from Michigan. He stated that sheep are the only thing that ever made money for him in farming. Mr. Eddy feels that "they take less overhead, less feed, less everything else than any other thing you can raise."

Rambouillets, Oxfords and Hampshires are being used by Mr. Eddy in his breeding program. According to him, Rambouillet sheep "produce the fine wool necessary for good worsted suits." He says they are also "longer-lived, tougher, more parasite-resistant, take weather extremes better and handle easier than others, but they are a little too weak on the mutton side."

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Hampshires produce good fat lambs.

Mr. Eddy's program will be essentially as follows: Cross Rambouillets and Oxfords, and save the resulting ewe lambs. Breed a Hampshire ram to the hybrid ewes at two years of age and thereafter. Sell all the lambs from the Hampshire rams and hybrid ewes.

(Actually, there is a step omitted from the above, but for a reason not a link in the chain. Yearling ewes have trouble lambing if the lamb is too big, Eddy explained. Hampshires have a big head, so he will breed the first-cross ewes as yearlings with a Shropshire ram, which gets a smaller lamb; sell all these lambs, then use the Hampshire ram on the same original hybrid ewes.)

Not working with high-priced sheep, Eddy wants heavy wool producers in his ewes and fat market lambs. He believes he will get them quick and that it will be a "practical, commercial venture."

Clayton Puckett, past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and ranchman of Pecos County, was recently named to represent the sheep industry on the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission. Frank Scofield, Austin, was named as representative of the cattle industry by Governor Shivers.

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SAN ANTONIO'S seventh annual Livestock Exposition and Rodeo will offer premiums and prizes of \$86,000 in the 10-day show to be held at the Bexar County Coliseum, February 10-19, 1956.

E. W. Bickett, exposition president, announced that five new divisions have been added for the 1956 show — Charollaise and Charbray cattle, Montadale and Cheviot sheep and Delaine sheep in the junior division. Deadline for livestock entries is December 15, 1955. Premium lists, prepared by Bob Tate, the show's general livestock superintendent, are available and may be obtained by writing to W. L. Jones, secretary-manager, San Antonio Livestock Exposition, P. O. Box 1746, San Antonio.

The show is offering a total of \$55,000 in livestock and quarter horse show premiums. A special premium list will be issued later for the horse show, for which entries will close on February 1.

Premiums totaling \$8,452 have been set up for the Boys' Livestock Show, which is limited to entries from Texas only. The new dormitory at San Antonio's Coliseum will provide 150 bunk beds and mattresses for boys exhibiting at the show and to vocational agriculture teachers and

county agents who have boys exhibiting in these departments.

Premiums in the Junior Livestock Show total \$1,802.

Among the San Antonio show's top money is that offered as premiums in the sheep and angora goat departments, totaling \$6,437. Competing in these classes will be Rambouillets, Delaine-Merinos, Corriedales, Columbias, Hampshires, Shropshires, Southdowns and Suffolk sheep, and B- and C-type Angora goats. An added \$393 is offered for fat wether lambs open class.

Neatness awards for exhibitors in the boys' and junior shows amount to \$120.

Awards in the FFA grass judging contest will include a plaque for the first-place team and banners for the next four places. Highest-scoring boy will receive a gold medal, and the second through fifth silver medals, and the next five winners bronze medals.

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I always said a few good rains would bring us everything we need. Summer showers brought all kinds of weeds and the weeds brought those fall fires and the fires brought us smog ever bit as fine as Los Angeles ever had.

These times ain't as good as the good old days the way we remember 'em, but they're a blame sight better'n the good old days really was.

Mrs. Clab Huckey says she's plumb disgusted with life where everybody's in too much of a hurry to stop and talk. She's pesterin' Clab to move to town where she'll have more neigh-

bors with more time to listen to her troubles.

Don't bother me. After I figger what's good for me I ain't got no time to figger what's good for the country.

Len Hipple says that by this time the famly coulda lived down his pa's disgrace for gettin' caught at hoss stealin', but it was such a skinny old crowbat the Hipples can never live down the old man's reppitation for bein' an awful sorry judge o' hosses.

Us Squawberry Flat folks sure took Accident Prevention Week to heart. Since then we ain't had one still blow up.

Fodge Rucker is home from the hospittle but still mighty puny. Says he feels about as comfortable as a man wearin' shorts in a catclaw thicket.

Now California comes up with corn that pops right on the cob in the field. Shucks! What I want is corn that ferments on the cob and me layin' down below with my mouth open.

The outs can always depend on the ins to make enough blunders to let the outs in where they can make their own kind of blunders and really wreck the country.

Last week I started to be an optimist and hunted so hard for things to be hopeful about that I got plumb wore out. This week I'm takin' it easy as a pessimist.

My Uncle Cocklebur has lived a sheltered life and he's the first Johnson to last old enough to get into the Pioneers' Home. He was in the reform school till he was 20 and in the penitentiary from there to 65.

From the looks of things the old-fashioned hoop skirts is back. From the sound of things, the old-fashioned wimmen that wore 'em is still away.

Ringtail Skump is makin' a big show of gettin' ready to plow up the cotton he overplanted. The bettin' is that he'll get to it right after the second frost, or anyway after the third pickin'.

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Never yet did I start to tell a woman somethin' important but what she stopped me to tell somethin' scandalous.

I know farmers that'll pay \$5,000 for a 10-row cultivator and turn it over to a \$2 hired hand that ain't smart enough to sharpen a 10-inch hoe.

Squawberry Flat is sure short of entertainment this fall. No houses a-buidin', no road work, only a few little ditch jobs hardly worth standin' in the sun to watch.

Ez Benson says he's workin' up a new scheme to help us farmers. Well, after all the help we've lived through, I guess one more batch won't kill us.

Three out of five people in this neighborhood is down flat with nervous shock and bein' took care of by the two that ain't had their 1956 tax bills yet.

These fellers that keep pesterin' me to buy things, they aggravate me terrible. But not half as much as the fellers that keep pesterin' me for things I've bought.

Wimmen folks is always complainin' they ain't got a thing to wear, and I guess they're right. Them I've seen lately wasn't wearing a thing to speak of.

My spouse, Manzanita, says she used to think it wasn't possible for a real person to stand as much grief and abuse as them pore sufferers on the radio soap opperies, but now she knows better. She has stood it.

Clem Lazenby says he can most usually outsmart a carp or a sucker or any other fish that an Injun dog won't eat. But a catfish is plumb beyond him in brain power.

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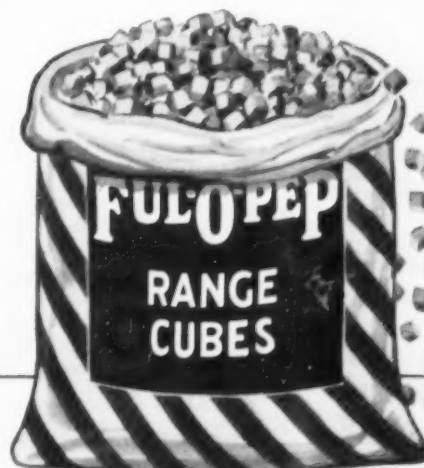
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INCOME TAXES

THAT REVISED income tax law so proudly hailed as making everything less complicated for the farmers and ranchmen is falling short of its mark, according to some bankers, business men and accountants. As far as the average ranchman is concerned, it is all an ungodly mess and he can do nothing safely without a corps of accountants. To most ranchmen, we believe, it would be just about as satisfactory to turn over half or thereabouts to the government of every dollar profit made. But that's much too easy. Everything done must be circumscribed by edicts, regulations and departmental directives which not only confuse, hamper and circumscribe every agricultural activity, in addition, the dumb or smart operator must hire one or more accountants to advise, search out procedures and prepare tax returns. And even the most alert certified public accountants admit they are hard put to keep up with the amazing maze of income tax regulations which have the full effect of law.

It took a constitutional amendment to propel the income tax on the American scene. It may be a necessary problem of our way of life but the ingenuity of the businessman and the astuteness of the politician should perfect a less involved system for relieving the producers of a great share of their earnings — a system which would require less than a jillion accountants and lawyers working for the government for collection and an equal or greater number trying to figure out how and what the taxpayer should pay.

This is a top problem for agriculture as well as all business.

TAX AVERAGING

Rep. Thomas B. Curtis, Missouri, has come up with a tax-averaging plan which would be a welcome help to most ranchmen and farmers who have irregular incomes. His idea, which should receive a favorable reception in Washington, is that when a person's taxable income for any tax year exceeds the average of the prior five

years, he would be allowed to spread the amount above 150 per cent over the entire six-year period. This would allow him to pay federal income tax in the same bracket, rather than in a low one one year and a high one the next. This would be a step toward more equality in the income tax for ranchmen and farmers whose incomes are so affected by the vagaries of weather and markets.

AUSTRALIAN CONCERN

Recent visits to this country by Australian wool producers reveal the great concern of these people regarding the effect of synthetic fibers upon the market and consumption of wool. They have little doubt but that synthetics are hurting wool terribly and are willing, apparently, to go to extreme lengths to promote and advertise wool — especially in this country, where a vast portion of their market is likely to be for the indefinite future.

Australian wool growers seem to tie in the growth of synthetics with the price of wool. There is some basis for their reasoning, but it is also two-sided. "We don't want the price of wool to get high in this country. This would force consumers to turn to synthetics." Of course, this is basically sound. "Your tariff against our Australian wool tends to force wool prices too high." And here Australian thinking reveals itself. Insofar as the domestic wool grower is concerned the Australians we have seen recently seem to reflect the thinking of a recent United States Secretary of Agriculture who felt that the wool industry was inefficient and well could be dispensed with.

During the past decade or so the United States market has absorbed a tremendous tonnage of Australian wool at prices which admittedly have provided those wool growers with an era of amazing prosperity. It is therefore not unreasonable for the Australian grower to indicate concern when this lush United States market is threatened by either the inroads of synthetics or an increase in the protective tariff on wool. Whether or not

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much concern is felt for the domestic wool grower is debatable and provides a situation well worth study.

JUST LARD

Fortune magazine recently declared that over-fat pork has been causing much dissatisfaction among consumers and turning them to poultry. The housewife wants lean meat, not lard, whether on the hog, the beef or the lamb. The over-fat animal is an obvious example of flagrant waste and costs the producer heavily. Fat stock shows still play up this type of meat animal, although some gain is being made by more practical-minded producers and stock show officials who are insisting on the practical rather than the "glamorous" — whatever that means.

WATCH THAT RAYON

The National Institute of Dry Cleaning is one of the kindest friends to the wool industry in its efforts to combat the oft-times unfair competition of the synthetic fabrics. Many white and colored acetate yarns and colored rayon yarns cannot be cleaned satisfactorily. Perspiration rings are not removable and are quite noticeable, according to the institute.

REAL GOATS

Sometimes we wonder if the Angora goat is not about the least known of all domestic livestock. At the State Fair on sheep judging day a dignified man with his two teenaged sons passed the pens of L. W. and Clinton Hodges' fine Rambouillet sheep. "Now, boys," he said impressively, "these are some real goats."

EXPORT LIVESTOCK

A. Russell Kultau, sales representative for the ASA International Airlines, St. Petersburg, Florida, reported to the magazine recently that Peru is buying currently 200 or more Rambouillet sheep from various Texas ranchmen. These sheep will be flown and will clear customs either in Florida or in New Orleans. Houston is another export point which can be used. He further reported that Ecuador has recently appropriated a substantial sum of money for the purchase of breeding sheep and cattle. Several other South and Central American republics as well as Mexico are planning to buy or are currently buying livestock in Texas, and the program is just starting.

The demand is quite likely to spread to Angora goats, it is believed, although this is to be rather limited.

Transportation has and will continue to be by air, according to Mr. Kultau. Average cost to transport a sheep to a South or Central American destination is \$50, he said, and when all the commissions are paid the livestock are quite expensive.

Mr. Kultau pointed out that all exports of livestock from this country today must have Bureau of Animal Industry approval in the state of origin.

An oldtimer in West Texas is one who can remember when a ranchman got as much attention as the oil man does today.

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Junior Lamb Show Featured at Southwestern Exposition

SHEEP AWARDS will total \$6,572 at the 1956 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 27 through February 5. This figure includes \$1,153 for the junior lamb show.

Competition in the sheep department will include Rambouillets, Delaine-Merinos, Hampshires, Shropshires, Southdowns, Suffolks, Corriedales, Cheviots and Montadales.

The fat wether lamb show will consist of Rambouillets and Merinos, Corriedales, Southdowns, Shropshires and Hampshires, other breeds and cross-breeds. Any lamb showing a predominance of a particular breed must be shown in that classification.

In the junior lamb show the division will be fine wool, Southdown grade or crossbred, other breeds and crosses, with selections including the champion, best 15 fine-wool lambs from one county exhibited by at least three members, best 15 medium-wool or crossbred lambs from one county and best 15 lambs of show. Armour and Company and Swift and Company, both of Fort Worth, will each give a special premium of \$15 to the champion lamb and \$25 to the best 15 lambs. Other special prizes to the champion lamb will be a trophy from the Texas Livestock Marketing Association, Fort Worth; a camera from Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, and, if a Southdown, sired by a registered Southdown ram, \$25 from the Texas Southdown Breeders and the American Southdown Breeders Association.

After the three champion lambs of the open show (fine wool, Southdown or Southdown cross and medium wool) have been chosen, these three representatives will be shown against the corresponding winners in the junior show for the respective championships in the three classifications. The

grand champion of the entire show will then be chosen from these three champions.

Deadline for livestock entries is December 15, and prospective exhibitors should write to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Box 150, Fort Worth, for premium list and entry forms. W. R. Watt is the president-manager and the assistant managers are W. A. (Bill) King, livestock superintendent, and Douglas B. Mitchell, horse superintendent. Walter Rice is assistant livestock superintendent. Johnnie Vestal, Armour and Company, and Charles Prindle, Foley and Allen Commission Company, both of Fort Worth, are superintendent and assistant superintendent, respectively, of the sheep department.

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Western Book Roundup

RANGE WAR

THE CATTLE BARONS' REBELLION (The Branding Iron Press, \$2), with a dandy introduction by Herbert O. Brayer, is a reprint of the only known copy of a five-page pamphlet issued by the Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin on April 24, 1892. It provides some new slants on the "invaders." Its rarity is explained by destruction of all copies possible by the ranch owners and their families. Beautifully printed and limited to 1,000 numbered copies.

TEXAS

SIG BYRD'S HOUSTON (Viking, \$3.50), is by the fine columnist for The Houston Chronicle, Sigman Byrd.

Houston, Texas, was named for General Sam Houston, who captured the audacious General Santa Anna at San Jacinto and freed Texas from Mexico. Houston is a city that is constantly outgrowing its limits because industrialists flock there to take advantage of the admirable transportation opportunities available via land, water and air.

SIG BYRD'S HOUSTON is not a definitive book of the town's flourishing industries. It is a medley of detailed glimpses into the lives of its diversified citizenry. The stories are from his columns. These briny true tales are as daring and subtle as those from **THE DECAMERON**. Byrd handles his idiom and characterization adroitly and convincingly whether the story be about a philanthropist, a society doll or the hustlers on skid row. You'll like it.

TEXAS TRADITION (Holt, \$3.50) by Ross Phares is a competent compilation of Texas legends, sayings, humor and true tales. Much of the material appeared in the author's syndicated column, "Texas Parade," as choice selections from the writings of John C. Duval, Noah Smithwick, J. Frank Dobie, J. Evetts Haley, N. A. Jennings and many others. A nice job of assembling makes this a readable book, and there are some good illustrations by Nick Eggenhofer.

EXPLORATION

THE GREAT RECONNAISSANCE (Little, Brown, \$5) by Edward S. Wallace reminds one that long before the American West was

tamed, Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote "Europe Stretches to the Appalachians; America Lies Beyond."

THE GREAT RECONNAISSANCE reveals many of the colorful details about several century-old American pathfinding surveys through the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. There is much on the misguided Mexican Boundary Survey under John Russell Bartlett, the scholarly New England Puritan, who gadded about writing Indian language dictionaries while the survey failed.

The second attempt to survey the Mexican boundary was carried out successfully under the leadership of Major Emory, who had been a member of the ill-fated Bartlett expedition.

The book pays great tribute to the topographical engineers, for the creditable service rendered in exploring and surveying boundaries, roads and railroads that now serve the West.

The early trail hunters suffered some of the severest hardships and privations known, including grueling desert heat, thirst, starvation, freezing in the mountains and torture and death by Indians. Fremont attempted to lead a survey party in the dead of winter across the Rockies at their widest and highest point. Not content with one failure ending at Taos, New Mexico, he engineered another expedition five years later that petered out at Parowan, Utah.

Lives of men and animals were needlessly sacrificed in both ventures. A casualty of the first was trail-wise old Bill Williams. On the second, Oliver Fuller, assistant engineer, died in Parowan of frozen and gangrenous feet. Solomon N. Carvahio, the first explorer-photographer, barely missed death from starvation but was nursed to health in the Mormon settlements.

This book highlights a maze of historical detail about a rugged era. Some very good illustrations accompany the text.

INDIANS

Frank Gilbert Roe's **THE INDIAN AND THE HORSE** (University of Oklahoma Press, \$5) is a scholarly book based on a tremendous amount of research.

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facts and folklore gleaned from numerous other writers including Dobie, Wissler, Haines, Denhardt and Graham. On occasion, and with much logic, Roe differs with even the authorities he cites the most frequently.

If you are interested in how and about when the various tribes acquired the horse; the influence of the horse on the economic and social life of the Indians; the horse in Plains warfare, and, in fact, if you are at all interested in either horses or Indians, this book is for you.

There is an appendix, an index, an excellent bibliography and a fine folding map showing "The Dispersion Routes of the Horse."

The 31 illustrations were selected with much care and include some excellent photographs. Many of the famous western artists are also represented—for example, there are five illustrations by Alfred Jacob Miller and four by Charles M. Russell, the great Montana artist. Frederic Remington, William R. Leigh, J. H. Sharp, Wimar and Catlin are among the others whose fine pictures add to the value of the book.

TAOS ARTISTS

Laura M. Bickerstaff's *PIONEER ARTISTS OF TAOS* (Sage Books, \$3) is the biographies of the first six artists to settle at 7,000-foot-high Taos, New Mexico. Oscar E. Berninghans, Ernest L. Blumenschein, E. Irving Couse, W. Herbert (Buck) Dunton, Bert C. Phillips and John Henry Sharp, great names all, were the pioneers and charter members of the Taos Society of Artists. There is

a photo of each of the six and a number of illustrations by each.

In addition, Ernest Blumenschein has written a fine introduction in which he pays tribute to two other early Taos artists, Walter Ufer and Victor Higgins.

This is a fine contribution to the history of the great Taos art center. Each of the featured pioneers richly deserves the recognition accorded to him.

WESTERN FICTION

SIX-GUN HERITAGE (Dutton, \$2.50) by Brad Ward. Comanche squaws tortured and mutilated the faces of two men on the desert and left them for dead. Both victims had been disfigured beyond recognition. But when the troopers found them, one still lived and was nursed back to health.

The man claimed he was Wayne Ferris, Texas Ranger. But Ranger McNally figured the survivor to be King Grassmead, a renegade with a price on his head and watchfully waited for Ferris to tip his hand. The unraveling of this dramatic puzzle is another exciting adventure of the Old West.

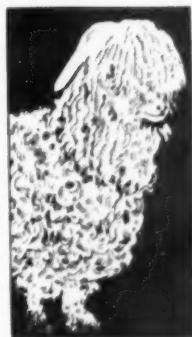
DESTINATION DANGER (Lippincott, \$2.75) by William Colt McDonald is another story of Gregory Quist, the Texas railroad detective. Sent to Quivira City to find why his company is unable to buy a right-of-way from a ne'er-do-well who obviously needs the money, Quist finds the man murdered. Clues to the perpetrator of the crime were everywhere, including confessions from both the daughter of Grizzly Baldridge, the

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Western Books

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E. E. Halleran's **BLAZING BORDER** (Macrae-Smith, \$2.50) is an unusual Western with plenty of action. Texas, at the end of the Civil War, was seething and Maximilian was emperor of Mexico. The problem of get-

ting guns and ammunition to Mexican patriots fighting Maximilian's mercenaries was turned over to a young lieutenant, a West Pointer from Texas, by the United States Army despite the frowns of the State Department. His handling of the job makes entertaining reading.

JUVENILE

Estelle Webb Thomas' **BILLY AND THE BAR-BAR-A** (Caxton, \$3) is a simply-told tale for eight- to 12-year-olds of a city boy spending a summer on an Arizona ranch. Complete with a forest fire, a roundup and a cattle drive, it is sure to appeal to the small fry. The action is authentic and the illustrations by James Burroughs are adequate.

Books described may be secured from Book Department, Sheep and Goat Raiser, San Angelo, Texas.

Analyzing

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may fall farther into the discount list than normally.

For that matter there are lots of hunches and advices about the trade future of all species of livestock. No doubt the burdensome quota of 1,350- to 1,550-pound steers will eventually show curtailment — maybe much sooner than many suspect. If and when this occurs, the fat steer market may improve measurably despite the fact that gigantic numbers are still in sight this fall and winter. How low hogs may fall is controversial, but a big share of earlier-than-usual farrowed spring pigs have already been marketed as growers whooped in the crop to keep away from weight above 200 pounds. Already the run is becoming heavier as measured by average weights at principal trade centers, hence there may be a mild supply lull and enough stability to keep the market from falling apart, and thus avoid federal assistance.

Widespread opposition to having government aid on a big scale may spur many buyers to support the trade to their utmost. Since July the country has been buying about 15 per cent fewer stocker and feeder steers than a year earlier, going slow and picking

their way while eyeing fat cattle markets for more definite signs as to what to buy and how many.

Cows still make up about one-third of national cattle slaughter, lean cow and heiferette beef usually selling well although graded "commercial" by the government whereas many year-old, overfat steer carcasses stamped as "prime" drag partly because they carry more tallow than many doctors advise their clients to eat.

Stocker and feeder steers at the markets have been holding 50 cents to \$1 on the average below a year earlier which ranchers regret but can hardly resent too much when fat steers at Chicago average \$2.50 lower than last year—with heavies way lower than that.

At the State Fair of Texas automobile exhibit, the present model automobiles shown avoided the use of wool or mohair almost 100 per cent, and perhaps entirely indicating how necessary it is to have the growers of these fibers do their share in demanding the use of the fibers they produce. The exhibitors of the automobiles frankly admitted that little if any wool and mohair is being used. It's nylon or plastic today.

Ed Shurley, Sonora, is reported to have purchased 440 head of bred yearling Rambouillet ewes from E. B. Pinson of San Angelo at \$16 per head.

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Code Section 175 of the Internal Revenue Code enacted in 1954 follows in part: "(a) In general, a taxpayer engaged in the business of farming may treat expenditures which are paid or incurred by him during the

taxable year for the purpose of soil or water conservation in respect of land used in farming, or for the prevention of erosion of land used in farming, as expenses which are **not** chargeable to capital account. The expenses so treated shall be allowed as a deduction."

There is, however, a limitation of the above deduction. A taxpayer may not deduct from income more than 25 per cent of his gross income for any certain year on account of the above class of expenditures. Amounts above the 25 per cent limitation expended in a certain year may be carried over into the next year or subsequent years. Assume a gross income of \$10,000 and soil conservation ex-

penses of \$3,000; \$2,500 may be deducted and \$500 carried over and added to like expenses incurred during the next year.

Should the taxpayer cease having gross income from farming, any soil conservation expenses not already deducted would be lost. Soil conservation expenses carried over may not be applied or added to the basis of the land for purpose of determining gain or loss upon the sale thereof at taxpayer's death and unused soil conservation expenses deductions are lost.

A taxpayer may elect to use the optional method (that is in lieu of capitalizing such expenditures) for his first taxable year which begins after December 31, 1953, and ends after the enactment of the act (August, 1954) without consent of the Treasury. A taxpayer may adopt the optional method at a later time with consent. Once adopted, the optional method must be adhered to unless consent is obtained from the Treasury.

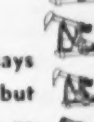
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THE 66TH ANNUAL meeting of the American Hampshire Sheep Association will meet at the Stock Yards Inn, Chicago, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. on November 30. Officers to be elected are president, vice president, three directors from districts, two directors-at-large, and a secretary-treasurer.

Terms of President Beresford, Ronald V. Hoggs, vice president, and directors Nicholson of Kansas, Davis of Texas, Myers of Tennessee and Priddy of California expire this year.

The meeting will be followed by a dinner for members at 6:30 P.M., and after the dinner President Beresford has a number of new color slides taken in Scotland and England this fall which he will show.

SHEEP AND GOATS LOST

MRS. CHARLES Schwandner, who lives on Spring Branch near Brackettville, writes the magazine that she has lost 220 goats and 18 sheep off her ranch from June 11 to August 24. Again in 1953, 175 goats were missing. She reports that after her husband's death in 1950, 506 goats have been either lost, strayed or stolen.

The brand is over half crop on the right ear and firebrand H on the left ear.

Mrs. Schwandner will appreciate advice or information and will pay a reward for recovery of this missing livestock.

"I certainly enjoy reading your magazine. I can hardly wait until the magazine arrives each month. Thank you."

David McPherson, Pottsville, who has made an outstanding record with his Delaine sheep in the past two years, found that the recent fall rains brought a lot of trouble as well as good grass. He lost 28 head of his registered Delaine ewes and a top registered ram which he recently purchased from Paul Gromatzky of Pottsville. The small creek which runs through the farm got higher than it had been in 15 years. Fortunately he had almost all his show sheep in pens and they were not lost. They did right well at the State Fair, too.

Bill Volkmann of Menard, Texas, well-known breeder of Angora goats and Rambouillet and Corriedale sheep was in the magazine office the middle of October. He reported a good rain about September 25 or 26. Said the country was in good shape, plenty of coverage on the ground — quite a contrast from last year. He said he had sold about 40 head of rams in early October and about 15 Angora bucks, and that he wanted to thank all his customers.

ALWAYS READY—YESSIR!

JO ANN GODELL, in the Uvalde Leader-News, recently told a story about a certain summer camp near Chalk Bluff. There the ranch folk were trying to save one of their cows.

She quotes the ranchman in part:

"About the cow — poor thing, she was suffering and I was all excited punching holes in her stomach trying to let the gas out and that wasn't the trouble at all. She had got poisoned on green cane. The heck of it was not only was I causing her more misery and making a fool out of myself, there was not only a VA teacher there, but also a licensed veterinarian in the camp! That just goes to show that if you get into trouble there is always some darn fool around who will stick a knife into you."

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"But teacher," Johnny said tearfully, "I haven't got any other feet."

A proud parent called up the newspaper and reported the birth of twins. The girl at the news desk didn't quite catch the message over the phone.

"Will you repeat that?" she asked. "Not if I can help it," was the reply.

No need worrying about finding your station in life. Sooner or later someone is bound to tell you where to get off.

"Where are you going, daughter?"

"Downstairs, mother, to get some water."

"In your nightgown?"

"No, mother, in a pitcher."

A man bought a cigar and started to light it.

"Didn't you notice the sign?" asked the salesgirl.

"What?" exploded the customer. "You sell cigars in here, but don't permit smoking!"

The salesgirl smiled sweetly. "We also sell bath towels."

"How was the applause after your speech?" asked the fond wife, when her husband returned from an evening engagement.

"Terrible," he moaned. "It sounded like a caterpillar in sneakers romping across a Persian rug."

"Did the girls admire the engagement ring I gave you?" asked the pompous young man.

"Better than that, dear," his fiancée cooed poisonously. "Two of them recognized it."

He only drinks to calm himself,

His steadiness to improve.

Last night he got so steady

He couldn't even move.

An oldtimer is one who can remember when the Senate was a law-making body and not a detective bureau.

"Why did you fire that gorgeous secretary you had?"

"She couldn't spell—kept asking me how to spell every other word when she was taking dictation."

"And you couldn't stand the interruptions?"

"No, it wasn't that. I just didn't have time to look up all those words."

A man on vacation was paying his bill at a fashionable hotel. Looking at the cashier as she took his money, he asked her what she had around her neck.

"A necklace, of course. Why do you ask?"

"Well," said the vacationer, "everything else around here is so high I thought it might be a garter."

You have learned one of life's great lessons when you find there are things you desire that money can't buy.

The host brought a man across the room to introduce him to the sweet young thing in the rather extreme strapless gown.

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The artist kissed his model. "I'll bet you do that to all your models," she said.

"No," he replied. "You're the very first."

"Really? How many models have you had?"

"Four," he answered. "A rose, an onion, a banana and you."

Cute stenog: "Your wife wants to kiss you over the phone."

Boss: "Take the message. I'll get it from you later."

In Texas, ranch folks like their liquor straight, as illustrated by one oldtimer who, pouring himself a jigger of whisky, said, "Friend, blindfold me and hold my nose, 'cause if I see it or smell it my mouth will water and that'll dilute it."

Said the first office girl: "Has your boy friend ever spoken about marriage?"

"Well, indirectly," said the second girl.

"Indirectly, how's that?"

"Once he said he had never smoked a pipe because he never could try one before he bought it."

Husband on the birth of their sixth baby: "Darling, what shall we call it?" Weary wife: "Let's call it quits."

In Houston recently a police car curising along the street received the following call: "Calling Car 37, calling Car 37, go to Main Avenue and Gray Street. Nude woman running along the street. That is all." There was a pause, then came an afterthought: "All other cars stay on your beats. That is all."

Patient: "How much do I owe you for curing my deafness?"

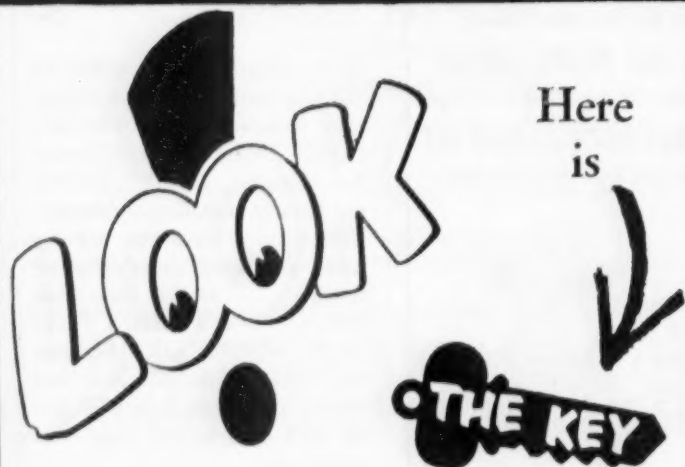
Doctor: "Ten dollars."

"Did you say 20 dollars?"

"No, 30 dollars."

Husband to wife: "How do you expect me to remember your birthday when you never look any older?"

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One plant may have 100 or more blossoms at one time and are long-lasting. The lower lip of each flower is several times larger than the upper, thereby forming the baglike or mocasin-shape flower.

The tiny seeds germinate readily, and these plants require proper drainage, a bountiful supply of air and plenty of water.

BELLS OF IRELAND (*Molucella laevis*) is a species of aromatic Old World annual herb of the mint family, and is showing an increased popularity in this country. This is understandable, for several reasons. In addition to its unusual beauty, its delightful citron-like fragrance, it is a "natural" when it comes to a house plant, or an annual in the garden.

The bells of Ireland is a long-stemmed plant of several branches, with fan-shaped leaves. Its real charm, however, is the unique green, bell-shaped, so-called flowers that are actually the calyx. Inside each bell is a small, two-lipped, white flower. They are greatly prized by flower arrangers for their color and form which make them ideal for artistic effects, either as house plants, garden plants or for dried arrangements.

BOUGAINVILLEA (Family Nyctaginaceae), native of South America, but now widespread in the United States, is doubtless the most brilliant and popular of all our flowering vines. In warmer areas it is especially fine for covering walls, fences and porches, or if trimmed into shrub-like plants it makes unusually attractive borders. In colder regions it is a prized house plant, bushy growth obtained by pinching back young shoots in early stages. It blooms throughout the year, with little "time off."

The bougainvillea bears numerous leaves, smooth, oval and pointed, and a profusion of large, bright-colored bracts, in groups of three, each group enfolding three tiny white flowers. No plant is brighter, with colors ranging from royal purple to brilliant reds and golden bronzes. There is also a white variety, especially charming in a moonlight garden.

No black-and-white picture, nor mere words, can do justice to the bou-

gainvillea flowers, for much of its beauty lies in the vivid scarlet bracts. This plant must have strong, direct light to produce the rich colors, and requires good drainage and plenty of water. It is a delight and easy to grow, and new plants may be started from seeds or cuttings.

NEW WAGE DOES NOT APPLY TO WAREHOUSES

WOOL AND mohair warehouses in Texas will not be affected by the increase in the minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1 an hour which will be in effect March 1, 1956, under the wage and hour law which was changed in the recent session of the national Congress.

In a recent letter from William J. Rogers, regional director of the United States Department of Labor, wage and hour and public contracts division, Room 222, 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas 2, Texas, to this magazine, he says:

"There are no changes in the law in its applicability to employees of wool and mohair warehouses. You are no doubt aware of an exemption from overtime pay for a period of 14 work weeks up to 12 hours a day or 56 hours a week as provided in Section

7(b) (3) of the law applicable to industries declared to be seasonal by the Secretary of Labor. The secretary has declared the storage of Texas wool and mohair to be a seasonal industry within the meaning of the 7(b) (3) exemption. Releases G-495 and R-1451 on this industry are enclosed."

Further information about this matter may be secured by writing to Mr. Rogers.

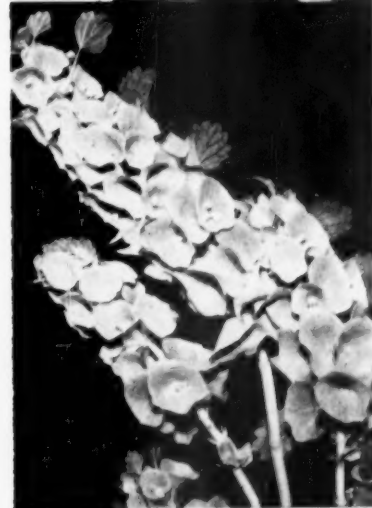
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Houston Fat Stock Show Officials Named for 1956

ARCHER ROMERO, president of the 1956 Houston Fat Stock Show, has announced officials and superintendents of the livestock division of the forthcoming show, February 22 through March 4.

F. P. Bohanan, agriculture specialist of Southern Pacific Lines, Houston, has been named arena director; John S. Kuykendall, as manager, will direct the activities of the livestock division.

Superintendents are: Breeding beef cattle, open class — Uel D. Thompson, extension animal husbandman, Texas A&M College, College Station, Texas, and A. B. Childers, area supervisor, vocational agriculture, Mart, Texas, assistant.

Breeding beef cattle, junior division — O. M. Holt, Texas A&M College, College Station; Pat Hencerling, Cassidy Commission Co., Houston, assistant. Steers, open class and junior — A. L. Smith, Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M College, and T. R. Rhodes, Madisonville, Texas, assistant.

Breeding sheep and goats, open and

junior — Guy Powell, county agricultural agent, Kerrville, Texas, and Elmo Todd, Truscott, Texas, assistant.

Fat lambs — L. M. Hargrave, agricultural education, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas, and E. L. Tiner, area supervisor, vocational agriculture, Houston, assistant.

Swine — J. R. Jackson, agricultural education, Texas A&M College, College Station, and J. W. Stuffebeme, county agricultural agent, Brenham, Texas, assistant.

4-H and FFA livestock judging contest — E. V. Walton, head, agricultural education department, Texas A&M College, College Station, and W. T. Berry, department of animal husbandry, Texas A&M College, assistant.

Collegiate livestock judging contest — A. B. Childers, and T. L. Leach, agricultural education, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, assistant.

Commercial steers — Woodrow Bailey, Houston Packing Co., Houston.

John S. Kuykendall will again direct activities of the livestock department of the show as manager.

LIKES ILLUSTRATIONS

JUST GLANCED through your September issue and find it a very interesting copy, and would like to compliment you on your excellent illustrations.

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R. C. Shrader, the vice president of Braniff Airways, Inc., Love Field, Dallas, Texas, visited the magazine office recently. He said he had about 1,000 acres of East Texas land overrun with grass, weeds and underbrush which he would like to turn over to somebody free of charge for pasturing goats in order to try to clean up the land. He is open to suggestions.

POSTPONED WOOL SALE DOES NOT AFFECT INCENTIVE PAYMENT

SOME GROWERS have been wondering about incentive payments if they withhold the sale of their wool until the next marketing year of the wool program. According to Frank Immasche, deputy director, livestock and dairy division, Commodity Stabilization Service, United States Department of Agriculture, the situation is as follows:

"Except for the provision in the act that the wool must be shorn on or after January 1, 1955, there are no requirements, with respect to year of production, for payments under the new program. Payments for a marketing year will be made only on the wool sold during that particular year. Since present legislation covers marketings through March 31, 1959, it would be possible for a grower to carry his 1955, 1956 and 1957 clip wools over and sell them all, along with his 1958 clip wool, in the 1958 marketing year. The rate of payment he would receive in that case would be the rate established for the 1958 marketing year.

"Thus, if you carry your 1955 clip wool over and sell it during the 1956 marketing year which begins April 1, 1956, and ends March 31, 1957, your payment would be at the rate determined for the 1956 marketing year applied to all the wool sold that year and made some time in the summer of 1957.

"Consequently, under the new program as now established, the statement that, if you don't sell your 1955 clip wool during this marketing year you will lose the incentive payment on that wool is not correct. It is true that you must sell the wool to establish basis for the payment, but you can sell it in a late marketing year and get the incentive payment at the rate for that year on the basis of the wool actually sold that year."

O. K. Harkey, San Angelo, sold in mid-September 970 head of mixed lambs for Jack Cook of Garden City.



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SHEEP AND LAMB MARKET SHOWS STRENGTH

SHEEP AND lamb prices were steady to unevenly higher in Texas during October, the Agricultural Marketing Service reported. Goats sold steady to lower, hog prices dropped to the lowest points since June, 1946, and cattle found a mixed market.

Receipts of sheep and lambs at the two major terminal stockyards in Texas from October 1-20 totaled slightly more than 25,000. It was the smallest 20-day supply for any month so far this year. Also, marketings were five per cent smaller than the same period in September and 13 per cent less than a year earlier.

Some 15,000 sheep and lambs, or about three-fifths of the 20-day total, were yarded at Fort Worth. Around 50 to 60 per cent of the supply was lambs, 30 to 40 per cent old ewes, and the balance was mainly yearlings. Aged wethers proved rather scarce.

San Antonio's share of October's run amounted to about 10,000. Shorn aged classes comprised the bulk of the supply. Lambs, particularly slaughter offerings, were in relatively small supply and poorly tested.

Slaughter lambs averaged around \$1.50 per 100 pounds higher for the month, with the upturn reflecting slightly smaller marketings at Southwest yards and a steady to one-cent per pound higher carcass lamb market at major wholesale centers.

Good and choice shorn and woolled slaughter lambs sold around October 20 at \$18.50 and \$19 per 100 pounds at Fort Worth, while cull and utility grades took \$12 to \$17.50. A small showing of good to prime woolled lambs scored \$18 to \$20 at San Antonio, with utility lots downward to \$16.50. Good and choice shorn lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts made \$17 to \$18.50 at the Alamo City.

Slaughter yearlings looked steady to \$1 higher for the month. Utility and good offerings took \$14 to \$15.50 at Fort Worth and \$13 to \$14 at San Antonio.

Early fall rains improved prospects for range feed and outlets for stocker and feeder lambs were fairly broad during October. As a result prices turned 25 cents to 50 cents per 100 pounds higher at San Antonio and 50 cents to \$1 higher at Fort Worth.

Woolled stocker and feeder lambs changed hands at \$13 to \$15; similar shorn lambs at \$12 to \$14 at San Antonio. Fort Worth moved feeder lambs at \$14.50 to \$16.50.

Activity in the Texas range country during October was limited mainly to the sale of about 3,000 fat and feeder lambs in the Rio Grande Plains area. These sold for early November delivery at \$18 per 100 pounds.

A large amount of wool sold this month out of warehouses or at sealed-bid sales. Twelve-month wool brought 30 to 44 cents per pound, grease basis. Several cars were bought on a core test clean basis at \$1.15 to \$1.25. Also, about a million pounds of Texas and New Mexico fall wool moved at mostly 40 to 41½ cents per pound in the grease, with heavy and burry clips down to 35 cents.

Meanwhile, around 7,000 goats were shipped to the San Antonio stockyards during October 1-20. This was a third less than the previous month but ran 85 per cent larger than a year ago. The sharp drop in receipts this month indicated the fall mohair shearing season has passed its peak. Adult classes predominated early in October but the proportion of kids increased later in the period. Not many stockers were offered.

Except for a 50-cent to \$1 loss on the top price of kids, the market showed little change from September's close. The bulk of Spanish-type and shorn Angora slaughter goats turned at \$4 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Most kids made \$3 to \$4 a head, with a few lightweights and billy kids at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per head. Mature shorn Angora stocker goats went back to the country at mostly \$5 to \$6.50 per 100 pounds.

Very little mohair sold early in October as bids of 76½ to 78½ cents per pound on adult mohair were ignored. Prices strengthened at mid-month. Adult mohair sold at 83 to 85 cents per pound, delivered to the warehouse.

Other livestock activity in Texas during the month saw hog prices drop \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 100 pounds from October 1-20 at Fort Worth and \$2 at San Antonio. Sows looked about

\$1 lower at Fort Worth and \$2 lower at San Antonio. Sales of mixed United States 1 to 3 grade medium weight barrows and gilts brought \$14.50 per 100 pounds at San Antonio and \$14.75 to \$15 at Fort Worth on October 20. Prices were at the lowest levels since June, 1946.

Cattle prices, as a rule, were fairly steady at the two Texas terminal markets. However, scattered sales were as much as \$1 above or below September's close.

Durham Jones, well-known Boston wool dealer, is leaving Boston to make his residence in Sacramento, California, according to Boston reports.

Claude Collins, Sr., of Sterling County has sold about 2,000 lambs to T. V. Kirby of Lometa for wintering in Mason County.

Sam Lukens, well-known Boston wool buyer, is recuperating from a recent heart attack.

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By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

JONATHAN ALLEN, six-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Allen of Burnet, is most enthusiastic about the sheep industry. He has been raising motherless lambs for the past two years.

Frank Clarke of Eldorado can take credit for Jonathan's interest in sheep and ranching. The boy always enjoyed visiting the Clarke ranch to see the sheep and other animals. Mr. Clarke gave him three motherless lambs that he very successfully raised. Colonel Hugh Killin of Buchanan Dam, breeder of registered Delaines and another of Jonathan's favorite people, gave him a ewe lamb and a ram lamb. While raising his sheep Jonathan began asking more questions about registered sheep. He attended local stock shows where his father purchased club lambs.

He became aware of the possibilities of selling his fat mutton and replacing him with a ewe. He approached Hudson Glimp on the matter and from him purchased his ewe. On the day set for delivery of Jonathan's ewe, something came up, making delivery impossible. A new date was set. When that day came, Jonathan was up at six so he would be on hand when his ewe arrived. He paid for her with the same battered check he had made out on the first date set for delivery. The lad had taken the check out to the Allen ranch house, found a wool sack, wrapped the check in the sack and left it there, as he told his mother, "for the safest keeping."

The four sheep Jonathan now has are at the Allen residence in town. Their owner believes they are safer from dogs there. All of his sheep are named. His registered ewe is "Miss McGoo," and the others are "Lanolin," "Broccoli" and "Buck."

Anyone visiting the Allen home for any length of time goes out to see Jonathan's sheep. This young man has the keenest desire to become a full-fledged rancher and a top sheep breeder. His enthusiasm, his ability to work and his fine start seem to indicate he is on the road to fulfilling his ambition.

Armer Earwood Re-Elected President of Angora Association

ARMER EARWOOD of Sonora was named for another year as president of the American Angora Goat Breeders Association in its 56th annual meeting at Rocksprings on October 11. Other officials were also re-elected. They were Marvin Skaggs, first vice president, and Arthur Davis, second vice president. Elected to the executive board were the following breeders: Armer Earwood, C. F. Briggs, L. A. Clark, Bob Davis and Joe Brown Ross. Mrs. Thomas L. Taylor was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The ranchmen were greeted by Judge Horace Brown of Rocksprings, to which Howard G. Hay, Bandera, responded. Beautiful Miss Elizabeth Ann Hough, Miss Mohair-elect, was presented to the group.

President Earwood reviewed the activities for the year and commented upon some of the problems of the industry. He deplored the tendency of some few careless breeders in allowing the crossing of Spanish and crossbred goats with purebred Angoras, frequently doing much damage to the mohair clip. Mr. Earwood also pointed out that the Angora goat had stood well among other classes of domestic livestock in providing income for the ranchmen. He declared that mohair returns and those from Angora goats for meat had provided more income in the past few years for the ranchmen than any other animal per dollar invested.

Secretary Taylor gave a report for the year which showed 7,032 registrations, 2,013 transfers and 33 new members. It also showed a cash income of \$5,234.05 against \$4,752.33 total expense.

The show premiums for 1955 were around \$100 each for San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth, the State Fair and \$50 each for New Mexico and Oregon.

Beal Pumphrey of the Union Stock Yards, San Antonio, suggested that the organization secure a mohair publicity committee to work on promotion problems.

The affairs of the association were voted to be under the control of the board of directors, elected bi-annually by ballot instead of annually, as at present.

Tom C. Hampton, former Edwards County ranchman and for 33 years a board member of the organization, was named as honorary director for life.

Directors of the organization were selected by ballot as follows: Tommie Bower, C. F. Briggs, T. L. Brooks, L. A. Clark, A. Davis, Bob Davis, Armer Earwood, Fred Earwood, C. H. Godbold, Joe M. Gardner, Claude Haby, W. S. Hall (new), Howard G. Hay (new), Leroy Nichols, W. S. Orr, J. B. Reagan, Leslie Pepper, Robert W. Reid, Joe B. Ross, S. S. Shanklin, H. R. Sites, Marvin Skaggs, Jack Turner, Brooks Sweeten and David Watters.

Charles Wesley Nichols of Leakey, Texas, was recognized as having won the "American Farmer's Degree" for his FFA work with Angora goats.

Kenneth Oehler was also recognized as a son of a well-known goat breeder who was recently selected as air cadet at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The organization accepted the report of the resolutions committee consisting of H. M. Phillips, Bob Davis and Len Clark, recognizing and expressing condolence at the death of Mrs. O. O. Cowser, Rocksprings, and Miss Margaret Owens of Rankin, new member of the association; also expressing best wishes to Bob and Mary Reid of Hillsboro, New Mexico, Angora goat breeders who were not able to attend the meeting because of illness. The membership also expressed deep appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ballentine for their friendship and helpfulness.

FEARS SCRAPIE

October 25, 1955
TO THE MAGAZINE:

In your July issue you printed a very interesting article on scrapie. In this article you mentioned another story printed in July, 1954. Would a copy of this be available to me?

I have a flock of solid-mouth westerns, bred to purebred Suffolk rams, large by Central Missouri standards but small compared to Texas flocks, about 300 in number. On October 14 they were quarantined by the state on account of scrapie. Two rams we bought last July in Illinois are from an infected flock in Indiana. Two other farm flocks in this country are also quarantined.

Many questions have come up which the state authorities have yet to answer for us. They seemed to know little about the disease and it is my belief that, thanks to your fine story, I was better informed. I realize that each state probably has a different policy covering such things as indemnity, etc., but owing to the seriousness of the disease other matters would be more or less handled in a set way. Could you give us any information on such things as lambs sent to market from an infected herd—would we be docked? Is meat fit for and safe for human consumption? Would lambs contaminate holding pens, etc., at stockyards? Will commission houses be reluctant to accept our lambs if they know they are under quarantine? If all sheep are ordered slaughtered how long must we wait before we can run sheep again?

Many thanks for any attention you may give this letter.

PAUL KUBITSCHKEK
Berryman, Missouri

Editor's Note: We will send you the latest dope we have on scrapie, but suggest you be guided by one of your local qualified veterinarians.

Gordon Appleton, Brady, bought 76 cows and about 70 heifer calves from the George Whitehead estate. The calves cost 15 cents at 350 weight and they were resold to various buyers. The cows were placed on fields near Brady.

VAL VERDE COUNTY EXHIBITS FINE SHEEP AT FAIR

THE VAL Verde Fair and Race Meet in mid-October measured up to expectations, with the sheep exhibit fully up to expectations of both quality and numbers.

Results were as follows:

Fine-wool sheep, fat mutton class: John Kercheville, first; Hadley Wardlaw, second; Mike Hazel, third; John Potter, fourth, and Don Patrick, fifth.

Breeding sheep, Rambouillet ewes: Pat Rose III, first and second; Hadley Wardlaw, third; Cody Wardlaw, fourth, and Benton Wardlaw, fifth.

Rams: Pat Rose III, first; Tommy Wilson, second; Cody Wardlaw, third; Benton Wardlaw, fourth, and Hadley Wardlaw, fifth.

Southdown fat mutton: Buddy Elledge, first and second.

Suffolk crossbred, fat mutton class: John Kercheville, first; Ben Tanksley, second; Jay Vineyard, third; Gary Duncan, fourth, and Benton Wardlaw, fifth.


Whiteface crossbred, fat mutton class: Joe Ed Cummings, first and second; John Potter, third; Seldon Cummins, fourth, and John McElroy, fifth.

All crossbred fat mutton: Pete Latham, first; Kenneth West, second; Pete Latham, third; Kenneth West, fourth, and Seldon Cummins, fifth.

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Summer and Fall Vegetation Toxic to Livestock

By DR. CHARLES W. KOBERG
San Angelo, Texas

CARPET WEED poisoning — *Kallstroemia Hirsutissima* (carpet weed, half-acre weed, saddle blanket weed, slick goat head): A weed common from Arizona to Colorado and Kansas to East Texas and into Mexico. The weed comes up after mid-summer rains breaking a spring and early-summer drouth. It makes luxurious growth in old fields, along fence rows, in low, level places, along diversion terraces and pasture road shoulders. The weed has from three to ten flesh-colored runners of from two to seven feet in length. Bright green leaves, a small yellow flower that develops a green seed pod. It resembles the common goat head sticker weed and is commonly found growing with it. It seems to be a very palatable weed to all livestock.

There is ample evidence that the weed has been an intermittent source of trouble to cattle, sheep and goats for as far back as 1910. However, this summer and fall has probably seen more animals affected, and over a larger territory, than ever before. The weed was proven toxic to cattle, sheep and goats by Dr. Frank P. Mathews, then in charge of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Alpine, Texas, in 1943.

The symptoms of poisoning develop, in cattle, in from three to 30 days after they are on the weed. Initially there is a sudden lank flank with the lower abdomen distended as if the cow were preparing to calve. If the mucous membranes of the mouth are examined at this time there is found a flush that only lasts for 12 to 18 hours. This is followed by a weakening of the back ankles, presenting a picture of knuckling. Upon forced exercise this knuckling progresses into a complete posterior paralysis. The animals remain in this paralyzed condition for from four or five days to 60 days. They attempt frequently to get up and throw themselves from side to side. The animal appetite remains normal and water is consumed normally. There are no symptoms of digestive upset, bloat or diarrhea. Few animals die, however those that do die are found to have stasis pneumonia, are dehydrated or have a ruptured spinal disk, causing cord pressure, from their efforts to get up.

Sheep and goats present very much the same picture as cattle. However, there is a much higher death loss, and many animals will be found down without previous symptoms.

Treatment has not been very satis-

factory. It seems that good nursing with plenty of feed and water and patience have given the best results. As soon as symptoms appear it is good practice to rotate pastures. Visibly affected animals should not be forced to travel. They should be left out of the drive, returning later to haul them to convenient feed and water.

Enjoyable Meet

(Continued from page 8)

Mr. Gulley reported a financial balance of \$4,721.61, with \$1,845 in the publicity fund as of November 1.

The ballot committee is composed of Howard Hay, T. L. Brooks and Leroy Nichols.

Suggested new directors are Melvin Camp, F. E. Ebeling, W. A. Elms, John A. Dittmar, Jack Moore, David Watters, Tommy Bonner, C. H. Chaney and E. E. Daugherty.

It was decided that Rule No. 3 of the sale should be changed to allow either six or eight head of goats to be consigned to the sale, to be determined by the committee, pending discovery of the number of animals for the sale. It was also decided to change Rule 8, which will be a provision for placing the top 25 sales goats.

It was also decided to have breeders in the outlying areas to bring their Angora nominations for the sale to a concentration center to facilitate inspection.

It was also decided that a fee of \$2 a head will be charged in the future on all show goats in the sale, whether the goats are shown or not.

It was also decided to increase the premium money by \$302. Additional registry money was placed upon several classes which have been weak in previous shows.

The judges selected for the forthcoming show are Marvin Skaggs, Armer Earwood and Fred Earwood.

Considerable discussion was carried as to whether or not to have the next sale in Kerrville or move the event to Fredericksburg. It was pointed out that the facilities at Kerrville were so poor and the cooperation so inadequate that the organization hesitated to vote to return to Kerrville, pending an investigation by the organization officials to see whether or not the objections could be overcome and the difficulties remedied.

A 30-day limit was placed upon the investigation, and if the matter cannot be arranged satisfactorily with Kerrville, then Fredericksburg will get the next show, sale and coronation meeting.

It was voted to place responsibility of remodeling the Miss Mohair float with a committee headed by Jack Richardson, who will endeavor to get some good mohair fabric to help decorate.

It was voted to hold the next directors' meeting of the organization in Junction in April.

A standing vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt and Nancy for their hospitality and kindness. The resolutions committee placed before the directors a resolution thanking Judge Bob Davis and

TOPS IN ADVERTISING

Advertising placed in the Sheep and Goat Raiser for Dr. Rogers' livestock products was awarded first place at the Affiliated Advertising Agencies Network convention in Madison, Wisconsin.

The advertisements, entered in a farm magazine category, were prepared by Thomas L. Yates Advertising Agency, Fort Worth member of the network.

Entries were received from agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

Editor's Note: We are quite proud of the national recognition given one of our advertisers, the agency preparing the advertisements and this magazine. We are happy to congratulate Dr. R. L. Rogers and the Thomas L. Yates Advertising Agency.

Pete Gulley for their tedious and difficult work as association sales inspectors. A rising vote of thanks was given them by the directors.

A similar expression was voted to the Sheep and Goat Raiser magazine and to its editor, H. M. Phillips, for mohair and Angora goat publicity work during the past year.

President Reagan appointed a Miss Mohair committee, composed of Mrs. Bill Orr, Mrs. Bryan Hunt and Mrs. A. Davis.

Considerable discussion was carried on regarding the matter of properly identifying registered Angora goats. Armer Earwood pointed out that the registry association requires two marks of identification for the goat to be properly registered, and he moved that any animal not properly identified by the required tattoo of the registry association not be considered a registered goat and not subject to the sale. He declared that two methods of identification could be used: tattooing, ear tagging or punching, a combination of any two of the breeder's initials or full name. These are the requirements of the registry association and it was the consensus of the organization that more emphatic enforcement of the rules would be in order in the future.

Bernice Duderstadt, 16-year-old Gillespie County 4-H Club girl, was recently named 1955 winner of the state 4-H meat annual award. She will receive an engraved watch. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Duderstadt of Harper, and is a junior in Harper High School. Bernice has engaged in practically every phase of 4-H Club work, including wool and mohair production, the handling of 112 sheep, 16 beef calves and 12 breeding cattle.

County Agent C. D. Stone of Fredericksburg declares that she is "one of the most dependable and aggressive students I have ever worked with."

The ninth annual Crockett County Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 7 at Ozona. Pete Jacoby is county agent.

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ROBERT M. SIMMONS

ROBERT M. (BOB) SIMMONS, 77, manager of the Sweetwater Cotton Oil Mill, died at Sweetwater September 19, after a long illness. Mr. Simmons was born in Dallas. He served in the Spanish-American War. In 1919 he and his brother formed a partnership in the Simmons Cotton Oil Mills in Sweetwater. A former city commissioner of Sweetwater, he was named "No. 1 Citizen" of Sweetwater in 1937. In 1909 he married Emma Hollinsworth Broadbush of Kansas City, who survives.

Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Clayton B. Williams of Sweetwater and Mrs. John H. Patton of Rotan; a brother, J. W. Simmons of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. Rita Lovelace and Mrs. Hibernia Evans, both of Dallas, and four grandchildren.

W. C. TIMBERLAKE

W. C. TIMBERLAKE, 86, a well-known ranchman of San Saba, died in the San Saba Hospital on October 1, after a long illness. A native of Virginia, Mr. Timberlake came to San Saba in 1908, where he had ranching interests.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Harry, Robert and Roy Timberlake, all of San Saba, and Ben Timberlake of Corpus Christi; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

EDMUND S. HOBBS

EDMUND S. HOBBS, 58, well-known San Angelo ranchman and director of the San Angelo National Bank, died at Shannon Hospital on October 4 from injuries which he suffered in an automobile accident.

Mr. Hobbs was born in San Angelo in 1896, a son of the late Charles Hobbs and Mrs. Hobbs. He served in World War I, attended Middlesex School in Concord, Massachusetts, and Harvard University.

He married Mrs. Mary Findlater Pilcher in 1942, who survives. Also surviving are his mother of San Angelo and a sister, Mrs. W. M. Griffith of Sinton.

SAMUEL C. SMITH

SAMUEL C. SMITH, 75, retired ranchman of Val Verde County, died October 10 in Del Rio. Mr. Smith had lived in the county since 1912 ranching on Devil's River until his retirement. Mrs. Leila J. Smith, his widow, and a sister, Mrs. Felix Reynolds, survive.

CLAY MITCHELL

CLAY MITCHELL, a well-known Marfa ranchman, died of a heart attack at his home on October 7. Mr. Mitchell had been in ill health for several weeks.

Surviving are his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell; a daughter, Mrs. Maurine Godbold of Bowling Green, Kentucky; two sisters, Mrs. A. M. McCabe and Mrs. Claude Lee, both of Marfa, and a brother, Kerr Mitchell of Marfa.

OTTO W. HENKE

OTTO W. HENKE, 32, well-known young Gillespie County ranchman, died in a San Antonio hospital on September 22 of bulbar polio. A son of Guenther F. and Else Jordan Henke, Mr. Henke was born in Gillespie County in 1923.

Henke served 13 months in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre of operations and was a technical sergeant when discharged in 1946.

Surviving are his wife, the former Velma Ann Lott; three children and his parents.

S. T. WRIGHT

SOLOMON T. WRIGHT, 73, Del Rio ranchman, died in a Del Rio hospital September 26 of a heart ailment. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thomas, he was born in Searight, Alabama, in 1882. The family moved to Texas in 1900.

Wright had ranch holdings in Edwards, Terrell and Val Verde Counties.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Lewis Arledge of Del Rio and Mrs. V. H. Moseley, LaMarado, California; also six grandchildren, a brother and three sisters.

Wool Advisory Committee Favors New Research To Aid Growers

A COMPREHENSIVE new program of research to help sheep raisers increase the value of their wool through improved breeding and management practices was endorsed by the United States Department of Agriculture's Wool Research and Marketing Advisory Committee at its meeting in Washington October 24-25.

The committee agreed that this program, along with expanded chemical and physical investigations of wool fiber properties and processing techniques, and marketing studies of wool-handling methods to help growers furnish more usable wool to processors, were among the top-priority needs in wool research.

Established under the Research and Marketing Act of 1946, the committee meets annually. Its detailed recommendations for USDA wool research in fiscal year 1958, discussed at the meeting, are to be submitted to the department in the next few weeks.

J. B. Wilson, secretary of the Wyoming Wool Growers Association, McKinley, Wyoming, announced his retirement as chairman and member of the committee at the close of the final day's session. He had served as chairman since the committee was first established in 1947. Committee members elected John H. Breckenridge, sheep raiser of Twin Falls, Idaho, as the new chairman. Dr. James F. Wilson of the University of California's Agricultural Experiment Station at Davis, California, was re-elected vice chairman.

Specific areas of research in which the committee favored new or expanded work by the department included the following:

Determination of how sheep management practices affect the amount and kinds of vegetable matter in wool, which causes difficulties in processing.

Basic and applied research on wool fibers that will lead to improvements in wool's natural characteristics, such as resistance to shrinking, improved bleaching, and superior resistance to heat deterioration.

Development of reliable objective methods for uniform measurement of wool fiber properties.

Study of how methods of preparing wool for market influences the grade

of grease wool and the quality of processed wool.

Investigations of the physical characteristics of grease wool and their effects on the quality of processed wool and wool products.

Conducting surveys to determine the effectiveness of merchandising practices used in selling wool products in retail stores, and to determine consumer preferences for wool relative to other fibers in household furnishings.

Committee members attending the meeting, in addition to J. B. Wilson, John H. Breckenridge and Dr. James F. Wilson were Arthur R. Jewell, Idle-Ease Farms, Centerburg, Ohio; Carl J. Nadasdy, general manager, Cooperative Wool Growers, Minneapolis, Minnesota; J. H. Nichols, Jr., senior vice president, Nichols and Company, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; Robert W. Reid, Hillsboro, New Mexico; Loyd Sorenson, Elko, Nevada, and Dr. Werner von Bergen, director of research, Forstmann Woolen Co., Passaic, New Jersey. Executive secretary of the committee is Henry W. Marston of the department's Agricultural Research Service.

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FINE WOOL SALE TOPS MARKET NEWS

THE SONORA Wool and Mohair Company, managed by Fred Earwood, Sonora, sold in late October about 550,000 pounds of fine wool, Rambouillet type, at \$1.40 per pound, clean basis Boston, to Albert A. Schneider, Inc., Boston, through Bill Fields, Sonora representative. The warehouse accumulation was considered of exceptional quality and uniformity and is the largest sale of fine wool made in the state this year.

According to Mr. Fields the wool will be sorted and baled in the Fields' warehouse at Ballinger and then shipped by truck to the firm's eastern warehouse in Boston.

In late October the Ranchman's Wool and Mohair Company sold 261,000 pounds of New Mexico wool at prices running from 29 cents to 37½ cents per pound, according to Abe Mayer, Jr., manager at Roswell.

Henry Maginot, representing Nichols and Company of Boston, purchased about 152,000 pounds of accumulation; with Slim Murphy, Johnson City, representing Thurmond and Co.; Jim Mahoney, Bates Top Company; Charles Stamps, The Top Co., securing various amounts of the balance, with The Top Co. getting around 80,000 pounds.

The Del Rio Wool and Mohair Company is reported to have sold an estimated 900,000 pounds of fall wool since September 22 at a price range of 39 cents for burry lots to 41½ cents per pound. C. E. (Ed) Long, manager of the firm, reports handling more than one million pounds of fall wool this year, with only two or three carloads remaining in the warehouse.

Another Del Rio warehouse, the

Producers Wool and Mohair Company, has sold more than 600,000 pounds of fall wool since their sealed bid sale, September 21, at prices from 39 cents to 41½ cents per pound.

A mohair sale of about 40,000 pounds of adult hair was reported the first of November by the Ranchman's Wool and Mohair Commission House in Ingram, with Clyde Young of Winslow & Co., Boston, the buyer. The price was estimated to be around 86½ cents per pound.

Several warehouses report accumulations of both adult and kid hair, with increasing interest in the offerings.

Some speculation is going on as to the reaction to the sheep market when the growers find out how much incentive payment money they have coming to them. According to some authorities many growers will receive as incentive within 10 to 20 per cent of the price they receive from the buyers for their wool, and in any event, most acknowledge that the growers will receive an incentive payment which will be very gratifying. Predictions are that when these checks start coming into the hands of the growers a marked strengthening in the sheep market will be apparent immediately.

It is estimated that there remains in Texas warehouses approximately two million pounds of current clip mohair, and approximately 350,000 pounds of fall wool.

The Lucius M. Stephens & Co. warehouse at Lometa has sold approximately 250,000 pounds of adult hair to Clyde Young, Lampasas buyer for Winslow & Company of Boston.

CASEY HEADS AMERICAN SHEEP PRODUCERS COUNCIL

J. M. (CASEY) JONES has resigned as secretary of the National Wool Growers Association, a position that he has held for the past 15 years. In 1940 Jones was employed by the association to head a lamb and wool promotion department and later became secretary.

He has assumed the position as manager of the American Sheep Producers Council, which organization has been made possible through enactment of national legislation, and it was largely through Jones' efforts that the legislation was passed.

Under Section 708 of the National Wool Act it is estimated that the council will have around three million dollars per year for promotional work in the sale of lamb and wool. The money is to be collected from sheep producers through an enforced tax. The council decided to borrow \$500,000 to use in putting the program into operation, pending the availability of the funds under the act.

Norman Winder, Craig, Colorado, is president of the council, and J. H. Lemmon, Lemmon, South Dakota, is vice president and Jones is secretary. A six-member committee has been named to consider employment of a manager and other employees. The committee members are L. A. Kauffman, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; Lemmon; Walter Pfluger, Eden, Texas; Irving H. Jacob, Salt Lake City, Utah; Ken Sexton, Wilhows, California, and A. S. MacArthur, Wagon Mound, New Mexico.

C. E. and Mack Ross, Brownsville, Texas, are buying 3,520 acres of Reagan County ranch land about 25 miles north of Big Lake at \$15 from the Mrs. Iris M. Greer estate. The transfer, which does not include any mineral rights, was for a consideration of \$52,800. Teed Cope of San Angelo handled the deal for the San Angelo National Bank, trustee for the estate.

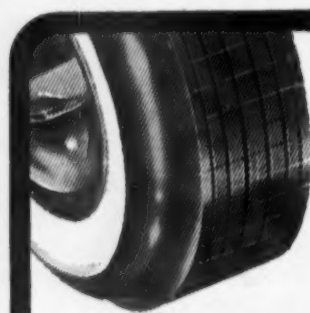
C. H. Chaney of Utopia writes the magazine that he has sold all his Angora bucks for this year at good prices and that the demand was exceptional. "Very dry at present, but most ranchmen are sold down below normal and this will help."

Gilmer Morris of Rocksprings now owns the Charbray cattle of Hal (Boss) Peterson off his Taylor ranch some 15 miles northeast of Rocksprings. The Taylor ranch has been leased to the Research Foundation, San Antonio, set up by the Tom Slick interests. The foundation has stocked the research ranch with Hereford cattle and it is understood that a project is under way in the study of dwarfism.

Arthur Harral, Fort Stockton, reports the sale of 600 head of purebred Rambouillet ewe lambs to Jack and R. S. Miller of San Saba. The lambs, of good quality, weighed about 75 pounds and brought 17 cents. The sale was arranged by O. K. Harkey. R. S. Miller is county agent district supervisor.

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VETERINARY QUESTIONS

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WHY DON'T stomach worms cause as much trouble as in years gone by? We used to drench real often and yet lost a good many sheep between times. Now it doesn't seem to matter if we drench or not.

Don't be caught napping. The last few years haven't given the stomach worm much of a chance, what with little or no rain and very sparse vegetation. With or without drenching, the stomach worm population in West Texas flocks has dropped to a very low level. However, some effective rains and consequent pasture improvement will quickly provide conditions favorable to the worms and they will build back their numbers to a dangerous point before some folks become aware of it. The onset of cool weather will work against the worms, of course, but let's not overlook the possibility of stomach worm infection when trouble visits the flock.

A few weeks after we slaughtered a mutton sheep and accidentally found some tapeworms in the intestines, we discovered that our sheep dog was passing tapeworms. Did one infect the other, and are the treatments the same?

The two species of adult tapeworms commonly seen in sheep are entirely different from those in the dog, although there is a relationship between dogs and sheep where one tapeworm is concerned. One of the dog tapeworms is acquired when the dog feeds on a sheep carcass and swallows the little balloon-like objects found in the abdominal cavity. The other tapeworm common to our sheep dogs is acquired through swallowing fleas. Obviously, then, it would be advisable to control fleas and to make proper disposal of carcasses and internal organs.

The adult tapeworms found in sheep are acquired when the sheep accidentally swallow tiny mites or insects during their grazing, and the dog is in no way responsible.

The problems posed by the diagnosis and treatment of tapeworm infection in dogs and sheep are too complex to be answered satisfactorily in a brief column. Because of the inherent danger to canine health, my only recommendation where dogs are concerned is to entrust the matter to your veterinarian. Suffice it to say that the drugs used for dogs differ from those used for sheep. Treatment of sheep for tapeworms deserves to have an entire column itself, so we will plan to discuss this fully in a future issue.

Please discuss "pink bag" and "blue bag," and blind teats.

This is a very big order posed by a very short sentence. These three conditions are most commonly associated with sheep and are very im-

portant not only to the owner but to the prospective buyer, for many of the ewes currently or previously affected should be culled from the flock. It is possible that blind teats (or teats which have no opening through which the milk may flow) could be a fault of development, but usually it results from udder infection or injuries such as shearing cuts. Some of these teat canals could be reopened with sterile instruments but more often the ewe should be culled.

"Pink bag" and "blue bag" are common terms used to describe mastitis, or udder inflammation. The affected udders become swollen, painful and discolored. The cause could be bruising or penetration of foreign bodies such as thorns, but it is more often the result of infection by bacterial germs. When pens become badly contaminated with these germs a large number of the ewes in a flock sometimes become infected. Many investigators are agreed that the germ causing "pink bag" differs from the one causing "blue bag," but this is a pretty fine line for the ranchman to draw.

In view of the infectious nature of mastitis, it would pay the sheep raiser to give some attention to the sanitation of his barns and pens. For the same reason he might find it worthwhile to keep the discharges from infected udders from being widely spread around his premises.

The person who selects ewes for breeding should examine not only teeth and general appearance, but should include the udder in his examination. Blind teat canals can contribute nothing to the nourishment of a lamb, and udders that have become hard and knotty following mastitis cannot be expected to yield a satisfactory supply of milk.

There have been so many different treatments suggested for mastitis in ewes that I would not attempt to sort them out in this space. However, I would suggest that where the infection threatens to involve a large number of ewes it would certainly pay to have the causative germ identified and select for treatment the antibiotic most likely to be effective against it.

Bob Davis, Uvalde, tried to get off the board of directors of the American Angora Goat Breeders Association during the annual meeting. "I've been on this board for more than 40 years. I feel you should get a younger member." Whereupon Len Clark suggested that the board should keep him on. "I think we should try him out a little longer."

Russell Menzies of El Paso sold to Carroll Farmer of the Foley-Allen Commission Co., Fort Worth, 3,000 lambs at a price said to be 18 cents per pound.

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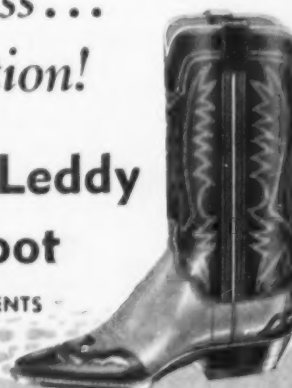
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By MRS. RUSSELL G. HARLOW

C. R. SWIGER, JR., Cedar Hill, Texas; E. W. Strickland, Gustine, Texas, and Mrs. Fannie E. Eaton, Decatur, Texas, have recently become active members of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.

James W. Oxley, animal husbandry department, California State Polytechnic College, Kellogg Unit, at Pomona, California, informs us that the college plans to join the association. They have purchased the show flock of C. L. Ormbaun, Yorkville, California, who is retiring from the Ram-

bouillet business. Mr. Oxley writes that he feels that the Rambouillet "would give us a very desirable dual-purpose breed for teaching students something about wool, breeds and breed differences."

The college has also purchased three registered ewes from Verne M. Hoffman, Jr., of Mokelumne Farms at Acampo, California.

Dempster Jones, Ozona, Texas, has transferred ownership of 11 registered ewes to B. B. Ingham III, also of Ozona.

Entry deadline is November 15 for the third annual Bred Ewe Sale sponsored by the Colorado Wool Growers Association. The sale will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 1956, at the Sheep Show barn at Denver during the National Western Stock Show. Entries close December 1 for breeding sheep and December 26 for the wool show.

Wallace Hendricks, Dublin, Texas, has sold 25 registered ewe lambs to

H. H. Wiggins, also of Dublin. On October 11 Mr. Hendricks wrote, "We are in nice condition here now after a flood like Noah had way back there. I still have two water gaps to rebuild and lots of gulleys to fill in with rock, but you should see my grain crop — if the insects will leave it alone. To date, all's well." Mr. Hendricks just recently finished remodeling his home — he had the roof off when the rains came.

It is most gratifying to see more and more Rambouillet breeders taking an interest in exhibiting at the Pan-American Livestock Exposition of the State Fair of Texas. It was obvious from the results that exhibitors had worked hard to get their sheep in the best possible condition for the Rambouillet division at the Pan-American, October 10, at Dallas. "Best Rambouillet show here since the 30's." "Best quality I've seen here in years." Such were typical comments about both the open and junior divisions. Hard-working judge was James A. Gray, extension sheep specialist from San Angelo. A complete report of the show will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

George W. Erickson of Genesee, Idaho, has purchased 15 registered ewes from the University of Idaho, Moscow.

S. S. Bundy, Roosevelt, Texas, paid the top price for a ram at the recent United States Sheep Experiment Station sale at Dubois, Idaho. The ram was a polled Rambouillet and brought \$175.00.

Looks like it never rains but what it pours. J. Lee Ensor, association member from Bronte, Texas, who has been an outstanding exhibitor in the junior Rambouillet shows the last few years, lost 12 of his best sheep recently when they were hit by a train. Included were some of his show sheep for the past season and their lambs. J. Lee says the lambs were the best he's ever had. You may remember that in August, 1953, J. Lee lost his whole registered flock, except for five ewe lambs, in a flood. J. Lee's young brother, Jessie Ray, will be exhibiting in the shows this year.

W. H. (Bill) Strickland, Brady, Texas, writes that he has purchased the W. D. Mullis (Brookesmith, Texas) registered Rambouillet flock. Mr. Strickland is the father of association member "Butch" Strickland, who last year was McCulloch County's Gold Star Boy of the year. "Butch" recently sold a stud ram to Mrs. Richard Moseley of Rochelle, Texas.

John Bledsoe, association member from Richland Springs, Texas, has sold 30 ewe lambs to Dean Adams, also of Richland Springs.

D. H. and Jean Landen, Wheatland, Wyoming, have sold two stud rams to C. B. Cox, also of Wheatland, and one to C. A. David of Lusk, Wyoming.

Dave Locklin, Sonora, Texas, reports that his young daughter, Daon Inez, plans to continue showing her

brother Connie Mack's breeding sheep in the junior shows.

Thirteen rams and 34 ewes showed an over all average of \$77.78 in the third annual sale sponsored by the Wyoming Rambouillet Association at Douglas recently. Top-selling ram of the sale was consigned by E. B. Chatfield & Sons, Sundance, and went to Michael Cross of Douglas for \$350. The 13 rams sold at an average of \$131.73, compared with a \$129 average on 11 head at the 1954 sale. Paul L. LeBar, Douglas, paid \$87.50 for the top-selling ewe, consigned by Dr. R. I. Port, Sundance. The 34 ewes averaged \$57.16.

O. Sudduth, Eldorado, Texas, has sold five registered ram lambs to Frank Fish, Juno, Texas.

Goodrum Brothers, Roswell, New Mexico, have sold 10 registered ewes and a stud ram to Jack Harris, also of Roswell.

At the recent New Mexico State Fair R. H. (Bobby) Peebles, Nogal, exhibited the champion ram and ewe, and reserve champion ram. Los Poblanos Ranch of Albuquerque exhibited the reserve champion ewe.

Dr. C. J. Koerth, new member from Junction, Texas, has purchased two stud rams from Tommy Heffernan, also of Junction.

Top Rambouillet price at the 27th annual Wyoming State Ram Sale at Casper was \$160 per head paid by Tom Kirk of Casper for a pen of five consigned by Dr. Rodney I. Port of Sundance. Rambouillets averaged \$74.47 on 57 rams.

The association office now has a supply of gummed address labels for use by members on correspondence with the office. If you have not yet received a supply please notify the office.

Also we have a supply of breeders' flock record sheets, available free of charge to members.

The supply of breeders' signs (36 x 36-inch, double-faced, swinging bracket signs, auto booster plates and ram head decals for trucks) is dwindling rapidly. For further information on any of these write the association office, 2709 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, Texas.

From the California Livestock News: "A more uniform basis of preparing the Australian wool clip for market is being asked by the Australian Wool Bureau. Australia already has the reputation for preparing its wool in as good or better manner than any clip in the world."

Here is a reminder to junior breeders planning to exhibit breeding sheep in the San Angelo stock show next spring, their county agents and FFA instructors: Sheep in the junior show must be registered in the club member's name by December 1, 1955, in order to show them at San Angelo. If you plan to exhibit at this show please send your application for registry to the office so that we can register your sheep by this deadline.

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By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

THE QUANTITY of animals at the Dallas State Fair was somewhat under that of last year, but the animals exhibited were of very good quality. This is the major factor a breeder must consider, but we are hoping each year more breeders will participate.

Bradford Successful

Donald Bradford, the young breeder from Menard, certainly can chalk his venture into the major shows this year as a most successful one. He had champion and reserve champion ram and ewe and first-place get of sire to win the trophy presented by the State Fair officials in the adult breeders' division. In the past Donald has been exhibiting in the junior division, as he was growing into the business. This year he has successfully attained a very nice show flock and can cope with the best in adult classes. He has just begun, as he is planning to make Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo. He is to be commended for the success he has made.

D. R. Unlucky But Encouraged

In the junior show, D. R. McPherson of Pottsville came through with a very wide grin on his face. He came to the fair a little discouraged — who wouldn't be after trying so hard to get started and then have 28 head wash down the creek? Anyway, the show made him forget some of his troubles, and he was even discussing using his prize money to buy more ewes. D. R. had the champion and reserve champion ram and reserve ewe. This made him the high individual on the special award given by the association, too. It's hard to keep a good man down, and we feel sure this is a challenge for D. R. to work even harder now. We hope he won't be faced with any more difficulties and the sailing will be much smoother from here on out.

Thornton Doing Good Job

Thornton Secor was another young breeder with some very nice sheep on exhibition at the fair, and even though he may not have had a champion or reserve, he can be commended for a grand job of feeding and fitting a show flock and the sportsmanship he displays. Thornton has been very successful in showing, and we are sure he will continue to be.

Hudson Glimp had the champion ewe and won the State Fair Trophy on the first-place lamb flock.

Building Flock

A. M. Harbour of Lometa has made an additional purchase of ewes from Hilmar Guenther of New Braunfels to add to his flock. Here is a good example of what a successful 4-H and FFA breeding project has turned out. The Harbours have continued to purchase ewe lambs each year and are building a very good flock from these ewes, and one to be watching from time to time.

George Johanson and wife were interested spectators at the fair and enjoyed the sheep shows very much. George has recently been elected one of the five soil conservation supervisors for McCulloch-San Saba district. This work in conservation practices

has proved very beneficial to George in the past dry years, and he hopes to show others the need to continue such.

New Member

We are happy to have Anna Rose Glasscock of Sonora on our list of new breeders. She purchased two ram lambs and four ewe lambs from the Connie Mack Locklin flock as her 4-H project. We feel sure more news will follow later on this.

Dry

L. and W. Steubing report their country to be on the somewhat critical list as far as moisture is concerned. They, too, were successful in selling out of rams. Despite the climate conditions ranchers still feel the need to maintain a good flock of sheep.

New Junior Division

The San Antonio officials have announced the addition of a junior Delaine division for this show circuit. We want to keep this in mind and be on hand with one of the best junior shows ever. We must keep our part of the bargain, for there is no reason to add this class if our junior breeders do not take advantage and participate. Let's keep this in mind and make it one well worth the effort it has taken to provide this class.

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Annual Meet at Lake Buchanan

The annual directors' meeting will be held at the administration building on Lake Buchanan December 3 and 4. We are hoping all the directors and wives and the pedigree committee will put forth every effort to attend this meeting.

Don't Wait Until Christmas

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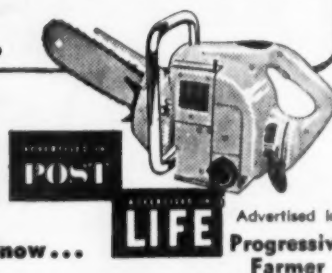
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